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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 282

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for preferential presidential  
7 primary elections; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 15.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 3. PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

12 Sec. 15.25.220. ELECTION OF PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

13 (a) The lieutenant governor shall call a preferential presidential  
14 primary election the last Tuesday in May of the year in which the national  
15 presidential election is held.

16 (b) The lieutenant governor shall prepare separate ballots for  
17 each political party represented as provided for in sec. 230 of this  
18 chapter. The ballot for a party shall be headed with the name of the  
19 party and shall have as many columns as there are presidential candi-  
20 dates for candidacy for that party. Each column shall be headed with  
21 the name of a presidential candidate, in block letters.

22 Sec. 15.25.230. PLACING NAMES ON BALLOT. (a) The name of a  
23 candidate for a political party nomination for the President of the  
24 United States shall be printed on the ballots only

25 (1) by direction of the lieutenant governor who shall place  
26 the name of a candidate upon the ballot when he determines in his sole  
27 discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or  
28 recognized in national news media throughout the United States; or

29 (2) upon the petition for nomination presented to the

1 lieutenant governor by members of the political party of the candidate  
2 in the form provided by sec. 240 of this chapter.

3 (b) The lieutenant governor may not place a candidate's name  
4 on the ballot nor may a petition be presented to the governor after  
5 the last Tuesday in April before the presidential election.

6 Sec. 15.25.240. PETITION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. (a) A  
7 petition for nomination of a candidate under sec. 230(2) of this  
8 chapter shall have attached to it a sheet or sheets containing the  
9 signatures of at least 250 registered voters of the candidate's  
10 political party.

11 (b) The signature sheets shall also contain the residence  
12 address and name of each registered voter whose signature appears on  
13 the petition. The signature shall be certified.

14 Sec. 15.25.250. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY BY CANDIDATE. A person  
15 who has been selected by the lieutenant governor or nominated as a  
16 candidate by petition as provided in sec. 230 of this chapter, may have  
17 his name withdrawn not later than the first Tuesday before the presi-  
18 dential primary election if he executes and files with the lieutenant  
19 governor an affidavit stating without qualification that he is not now  
20 and does not intend to become a candidate for president in the forth-  
21 coming presidential election.

22 Sec. 15.25.260. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. (a) In the  
23 years when a President of the United States is to be nominated and  
24 elected, the political parties in the state shall elect delegates to  
25 their national conventions in a manner the party may determine.  
26 Political party conventions held for the purpose of electing delegates  
27 to the national conventions shall be held after the preferential presi-  
28 dential primary election on a date that the party may determine.

29 (b) An elected delegate to a national political party convention

1 shall file a pledge with the lieutenant governor that he will use his  
2 best efforts at the convention for the candidate of his party for the  
3 office of President of the United States who receives the highest number  
4 of votes in the preferential presidential primary election until that  
5 candidate for President of the United States is nominated by the  
6 convention, receives less than 35 per cent of the votes for nomination  
7 by the convention, or releases the delegate from the pledge, or until  
8 two convention nominating ballots have been taken.

9       Sec. 15.25.270. PROCEDURES FOR PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
10 ELECTIONS. The provisions of the Election Code (AS 15) for a general  
11 election apply to a preferential presidential primary election, except  
12 to the extent which the provisions of secs. 220 - 280 of this chapter  
13 vary those provisions.

14       Sec. 15.25.280. DEFINITION. In secs. 220 - 280 of this chapter  
15 "delegate" includes half-delegates.

16       \* Sec. 2. The results of the preferential presidential primary election  
17 held in 1972 are not binding on the elected delegates to the national  
18 political party conventions under AS 15.25.260(b) and are informational  
19 only. The provisions of AS 15.25.260(b) apply to all presidential elections  
20 after 1972.

21       \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
22 or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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