

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 420

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to voter registration."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.05.010(6) is amended to read:

9 (6) has registered before the election, or at the time of
10 voting, as required under ch. 7 of this title.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.010 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 15.07.010. REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. The precinct election
13 judges at any election shall allow a person to register and vote if he
14 [WHOSE NAME IS REGISTERED AND WHO] is qualified under AS 15.05.010 in
15 the election district [PRECINCT] in which he intends to vote.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07.030 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 15.07.030. WHO MAY REGISTER. A person who has the qualifica-
18 tions of a voter as set out in AS 15.05.010(1) - (4), or who, if seeking
19 to register before election day, will have the qualifications at the
20 succeeding primary, special or general election, is entitled to be
21 registered as a voter in the precinct in which he resides.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.040 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 15.07.040. TIME FOR REGISTRATION. A person who is qualified
24 under AS 15.05.010(1) - (4) is entitled to register at any time through-
25 out the year [EXCEPT THAT NO REGISTRATION WILL BE MADE FOR A PERIOD OF
26 30 DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION].

27 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registration
29 official at any time throughout the year [, EXCEPT THAT NO REGISTRATION

1 MAY BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION]. Upon receipt and
2 approval of the registration forms the lieutenant governor or the
3 election supervisor shall forward to the voter an acknowledgment in the
4 form of a registration card and his name shall immediately be placed
5 on the master register located in the office of the lieutenant governor
6 and on the district register located in the office of the election
7 supervisor.

8 * Sec. 6. AS 15.07.090(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) The lieutenant governor shall transfer the registration of a
10 voter from one precinct to another within an election district when
11 requested by the voter. [THE REQUEST SHALL BE MADE 14 OR MORE DAYS
12 BEFORE THE ELECTION DAY.] The lieutenant governor shall transfer the
13 registration of a voter from one election district to another when
14 requested by the voter. The voter must reside in his new election dis-
15 trict for at least 30 days in order to vote.

16 * Sec. 7. AS 15.07.090(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) A person who claims he is a registered voter, but for whom no
18 evidence of registration in the precinct can be found, shall be granted
19 the right to re-register and to vote. He may be treated [IN THE SAME
20 MANNER] as [THAT OF] a challenged [QUESTIONED] voter under AS 15.15.-
21 210 - 15.15.215 and his ballot handled accordingly [SHALL BE TREATED
22 IN THE SAME MANNER. THE BALLOT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A "QUESTIONED
23 BALLOT" AND SHALL BE SO DESIGNATED]. The lieutenant governor or his
24 representative shall determine whether the voter is qualified to vote
25 [REGISTERED] in the election district before counting the ballot. A
26 voter who has failed to obtain a transfer as provided in (c) of this
27 section may vote in the precinct where registered or he may vote a
28 "questioned ballot" in his precinct of residence.

29 * Sec. 8. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) When a registered voter has not voted in either a primary,
2 special or general election at least once in four consecutive calendar
3 years, the voter shall be advised by the area election supervisor by
4 certified mail sent to his last known address that his registration will
5 be cancelled unless he indicates within 90 days on forms furnished by
6 the lieutenant governor [OF] his desire to remain registered.

7 * Sec. 9. AS 15.07.140 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 15.07.140. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION BY LIEUTENANT
9 GOVERNOR. The lieutenant governor shall provide general administrative
10 supervision over the registration and re-registration of voters and
11 may issue regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)
12 necessary to protect the interest of the voter and assure administrative
13 efficiency; however, the lieutenant governor may not issue or promul-
14 gate administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provi-
15 sions of this chapter. The lieutenant governor shall, no later than
16 40 days before any primary, special or general election, arrange to
17 have the list of registered voters of the precinct publicly displayed
18 in the precinct. The lieutenant governor shall instruct registration
19 officials to post the list of registered voters in a number of locations
20 calculated to obtain maximum recognition. Upon request by the mayor
21 or [CITY] manager of a municipality [OR A BOROUGH CHAIRMAN] the lieuten-
22 ant governor shall furnish registration information for all precincts
23 all or part of which are within the boundaries of the local government
24 unit.

25 * Sec. 10. AS 15.07.070(c) is repealed.
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