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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 782 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to elections; and providing for  
7 an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 15.07.090(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A voter whose name is changed by marriage or court order  
11 [90 DAYS OR LESS BEFORE AN ELECTION] may vote under his or her  
12 previous name, but if the voter chooses to re-register, the re-regis-  
13 tration may not be made later than 30 days preceding an election.

14 [A VOTER WHOSE NAME IS CHANGED BY MARRIAGE OR A COURT ORDER MORE THAN  
15 90 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION SHALL RE-REGISTER.]

16 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.07.090(c) is amended to read:

17 (c) The lieutenant governor shall transfer the registration of a  
18 voter from one precinct to another within an election district when  
19 requested by the voter. The request shall be made 30 [14] or more  
20 days before the election day. The lieutenant governor shall transfer  
21 the registration of a voter from one election district to another  
22 when requested by the voter. The voter must reside in his new  
23 election district for at least 30 days in order to vote.

24 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.07.110 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.07.110. EXPENSE OF REGISTRATION. Each registration  
26 official serving between elections shall be paid by the lieutenant  
27 governor a sum to be determined by him which may not exceed \$1  
28 for each registration or change of registration personally made  
29 by the registration official [PER VOTER PERSONALLY REGISTERED BY HIM].

1 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

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

8 \* Sec. 5. AS 15.07.140 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.07.140. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION BY LIEUTENANT  
10 GOVERNOR. The lieutenant governor shall provide general administrative  
11 supervision over the registration and re-registration of voters and  
12 may issue regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)  
13 necessary to protect the interest of the voter and assure admini-  
14 strative efficiency; however, the lieutenant governor may not issue  
15 or promulgate administrative regulations which are inconsistent with  
16 the provisions of this chapter. [THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL, NO  
17 LATER THAN 40 DAYS BEFORE ANY PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION, ARRANGE TO  
18 HAVE THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE PRECINCT PUBLICLY DISPLAYED  
19 IN THE PRECINCT. THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL INSTRUCT REGISTRATION  
20 OFFICIALS TO POST THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN A NUMBER OF  
21 LOCATIONS CALCULATED TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM RECOGNITION.] Upon request  
22 by the mayor or city manager of a municipality or a borough chairman  
23 the lieutenant governor shall furnish registration information for all  
24 precincts all or part of which are within the boundaries of the local  
25 government unit.

26 \* Sec. 6. AS 15.10.110 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.10.110. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS. The  
28 lieutenant governor shall appoint [FOUR] election supervisors,  
29 including one in each of the municipalities of [TO SERVE AT] Juneau,

1 Anchorage, Fairbanks and Nome, to assist in the administration of  
2 elections in the election districts designated by the lieutenant  
3 governor. The lieutenant governor may appoint as an election super-  
4 visor a person who is a qualified voter in the area over which he  
5 has jurisdiction and who does not hold an office in a political  
6 party. An election supervisor is entitled to receive compensation  
7 in an amount that is comparable to that received for similar state  
8 employment as determined by the lieutenant governor.

9 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.15.030(10) is amended to read:

10 (10) A separate nonpartisan judicial ballot shall be  
11 designed for each judicial district in which a justice or judge is  
12 seeking to succeed himself. The ballot shall be divided into three  
13 parts and each part shall bear a heading indicating the court to  
14 which the candidate is seeking approval. Within each part the  
15 question of whether the justice or judge shall be approved or rejected  
16 shall be set out in substantially the following manner: (A) "Shall . .  
17 . . . . . be retained  
18 as justice of the supreme court for 10 years [, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW]  
19 ?"; (B) "Shall . . . . .  
20 . . . be retained as judge of the superior court for six years [, AS  
21 PRESCRIBED BY LAW]?"; or (C) "Shall . . . . .  
22 . . . . . be retained as judge of the district court  
23 for four years [, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW]?" . Provision shall be made  
24 for marking each question "Yes" or "No."

25 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.15.090 is repealed.

26 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 15.15.095. DESIGNATION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. The  
28 polling place shall be located within the precinct unless the super-  
29 visor and the election board chairman determine that a building

1 located in an adjoining precinct is more suitable or convenient to  
2 the voters.

3 \* Sec. 10. AS 15.15.180 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.15.180. KEEPING OF ORIGINAL REGISTER. The judges shall  
5 keep an original register in which each voter before receiving his  
6 ballot shall sign his name and give both his resident and mailing  
7 address. A record shall be kept in the registration book in space  
8 provided of the name of persons who offer to vote but who actually do  
9 not vote, and a brief statement of explanation [ARE REFUSED, AND A  
10 BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF THE REFUSAL]. The signing of the  
11 register constitutes a declaration by the voter that he is qualified  
12 to vote.

13 \* Sec. 11. AS 15.20.100 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 15.20.100. DATE FOR APPLICATION BY MAIL. A qualified  
15 voter may apply for an absentee ballot by mail if postmarked not more  
16 than six months nor less than seven [FOUR] days before any election.

17 \* Sec. 12. AS 15.25.040(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The declaration is filed by either

19 (1) the actual physical delivery of the declaration by  
20 mail or in person at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD]  
21 time, June 1 of the year in which a general election is held for the  
22 office, or

23 (2) the actual physical delivery by telegram of a copy in  
24 substance of the statements made in the declaration at or before  
25 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD] time, June 1 of the year in  
26 which a general election is held for the office, and also the actual  
27 physical delivery of the original declaration postmarked at or before  
28 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD] time, June 1 of the year in  
29 which a general election is held for the office.

1 \* Sec. 13. AS 15.25.040(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) If June 1 is a Sunday or holiday, the declaration may be  
3 filed no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD] time on  
4 the following day.

5 \* Sec. 14. AS 15.60.010(13) is amended to read:

6 (13) "election official" means district and deputy  
7 magistrates, [AND] election judges, clerks, [AND] counters, and full-  
8 time election employees;

9 \* Sec. 15. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
10 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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