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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 782

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 15.10.110 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.10.110. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS. The
10 lieutenant governor shall appoint [FOUR] election supervisors,
11 including one in each of the municipalities of [TO SERVE AT] Juneau,
12 Anchorage, Fairbanks and Nome, to assist in the administration of
13 elections in the election districts designated by the lieutenant
14 governor. The lieutenant governor may appoint as an election super-
15 visor a person who is a qualified voter in the area over which he
16 has jurisdiction and who does not hold an office in a political party.
17 An election supervisor is entitled to receive compensation in an amount
18 that is comparable to that received for similar state employment as
19 determined by the lieutenant governor.

20 * Sec. 6. AS 15.15.030(10) is amended to read:

21 (10) A separate nonpartisan judicial ballot shall be designed
22 for each judicial district in which a justice or judge is seeking to
23 succeed himself. The ballot shall be divided into three parts and each
24 part shall bear a heading indicating the court to which the candidate is
25 seeking approval. Within each part the question of whether the justice
26 or judge shall be approved or rejected shall be set out in substantially
27 the following manner: (A) "Shall
28 be retained as justice of the supreme court for 10 years [, AS PRESCRIBED
29 BY LAW] ?"; (B) "Shall

1 . . . be retained as judge of the superior court for six years [, AS
2 PRESCRIBED BY LAW]?"; or (C) "Shall
3 be retained as judge of the district court
4 for four years [, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW]?". Provision shall be made
5 for marking each question "Yes" or "No."

6 * Sec. 7. AS 15.15.090 is repealed.

7 * Sec. 8. AS 15.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 Sec. 15.15.095. DESIGNATION OF PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. The
9 polling place shall be located within the precinct unless the super-
10 visor and the election board chairman determine that a building
11 located in an adjoining precinct is more suitable or convenient to
12 the voters.

13 * Sec. 9. AS 15.15.180 is amended to read:

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

23 * Sec. 10. AS 15.20.100 is amended to read:

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

27 * Sec. 11. AS 15.25.040(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The declaration is filed by either
29 (1) the actual physical delivery of the declaration by

1 mail or in person at or before 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD]
2 time, June 1 of the year in which a general election is held for the
3 office, or

4 (2) the actual physical delivery by telegram of a copy in
5 substance of the statements made in the declaration at or before
6 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD] time, June 1 of the year in
7 which a general election is held for the office, and also the actual
8 physical delivery of the original declaration postmarked at or before
9 5:00 p.m., prevailing [ALASKA STANDARD] time, June 1 of the year in
10 which a general election is held for the office.

11 * Sec. 12. AS 15.25.040(b) is amended to read:

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

15 * Sec. 13. AS 15.60.010(13) is amended to read:

16 (13) "election official" means district and deputy
17 magistrates, [AND] election judges, clerks, [AND] counters, and full-
18 time election employees;

19 * Sec. 14. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and
20 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.