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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 280

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to elections."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.15.030(5) is amended to read:

9 (5) The general election ballot shall be printed on white
10 paper with the names of the candidates and their party designations
11 placed in separate sections under the office designation to which they
12 were nominated. The party affiliation, if any, shall be designated after
13 the name of the candidate. The lieutenant governor and the governor
14 shall be included under the same section. Provision shall be made for
15 voting for write-in and no-party candidates, or to reject all candidates
16 within each section. The squares appearing on the ballots shall measure
17 1/4 inch on each side.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 15.15.030 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

19 (14) The ballot for a special re-run election held in
20 accordance with AS 15.40.500 - 15.40.520 shall be designed and printed
21 in essentially the same manner as for a general election under (5) and
22 (6) of this section. Provision shall be made for voting for write-in
23 or no-party candidates; however, no provision shall be made for voters
24 to reject all candidates:

25 * Sec. 3. AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 15.25.060. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS. The
27 primary election ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the
28 lieutenant governor in the manner prescribed for general election
29 ballots except as specifically provided otherwise for the primary elec-

1 tion. The lieutenant governor shall place the names of all candidates
2 who have properly filed in groups according to offices filed for, without
3 regard to party affiliation. The names for each office shall be rotated
4 as provided for the general election ballot. Blank [NO BLANK] spaces
5 shall be provided on the ballot for the writing or pasting in of names.

6 * Sec. 4. AS 15.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 15.35.025. REDISTRICTING: SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS; DESIG-
8 NATED SEATS. If in a redistricting of the legislature promulgated by
9 the governor in accordance with art. VI, Constitution of the State of
10 Alaska an election district elects two or more senators or two or more
11 representatives, either (1) the election district shall be subdivided
12 into separate single-member senate or representative districts, or (2)
13 the senate or representative seats shall be designated separately by
14 letter or number and a candidate shall file for a specific senate or
15 representative district or seat.

16 * Sec. 5. AS 15.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

17 ARTICLE 5. SPECIAL RE-RUN ELECTION.

18 Sec. 15.40.500. SPECIAL RE-RUN ELECTION. In a general election
19 where a plurality of the voters voting for a given office vote to reject
20 all candidates for that office, the lieutenant governor shall call a
21 special re-run election for that office within 30 days after the general
22 election.

23 Sec. 15.40.510. NOMINATION PROCEDURES. Within 15 days after the
24 general election, each state central committee of the political party
25 whose nominee for governor at the most recent gubernatorial election has
26 received at least 25 per cent of the vote cast for governor shall nomi-
27 nate a candidate for the office to be re-run at the special election
28 held under sec. 500 of this chapter. Candidates not representing a
29 political party may be nominated by petition in accordance with AS 15.-

1 25.140 - 15.25.200 within the same 15-day period after the general
2 election applicable to political party nominations. A candidate at the
3 special re-run election may not have been a candidate for the same
4 office at the general election.

5 Sec. 15.40.520. ELECTION PROCEDURES. The special re-run election
6 shall be conducted in essentially the same manner as prescribed for a
7 general election, including but not limited to the provisions specifi-
8 cally referred to in sec. 130 of this chapter. The lieutenant governor
9 shall promulgate regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act
10 (AS 44.62) to implement the provisions of secs. 500 - 520 of this
11 chapter.

12 Sec. 15.40.530. GUBERNATORIAL TERM OF OFFICE. If at a general
13 election the voters reject all candidates for governor and a special re-
14 run election is held under sec. 500 of this chapter, the term of office
15 of the governor begins at noon on the first Monday after certification
16 of the results upon completion of the canvass of the special re-run
17 election and ends at noon on the second Monday in December, four years
18 later.
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