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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 210

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  
13 after the name of the candidate. The lieutenant governor and the  
14 governor shall be included under the same section. Provision shall be  
15 made for voting for write-in and no-party candidates, or to reject all  
16 candidates, within each section. The squares appearing on the ballots  
17 shall measure 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 accor-  
20 dance with AS 15.40.500 - 15.40.520 shall be designed and printed in  
21 essentially the same manner as for a general election under (5) and (6)  
22 of this section. Provision shall be made for voting for write-in or no-  
23 party candidates; however, no provision shall be made for voters to  
24 reject all candidates.

25 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.20.330 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 15.20.330. PROVISION FOR WRITE-IN BALLOTS. Ballots cast for  
27 a person whose name does not appear on the machine may be referred to as  
28 write-in ballots. Write-in ballots may be cast [ONLY] in a general,  
29 primary or special election and may be deposited, written or affixed in

1 or upon the device provided on the machine for that purpose.

2 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 15.25.060. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS. The  
4 primary election ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the lieu-  
5 tenant governor in the manner prescribed for general election ballots  
6 except as specifically provided otherwise for the primary election. The  
7 lieutenant governor shall place the names of all candidates who have  
8 properly filed in groups according to offices filed for, without regard  
9 to party affiliation. The names for each office shall be rotated as  
10 provided for the general election ballot. Blank [NO BLANK] spaces shall  
11 be provided on the ballot for the writing or pasting in of names.

12 \* Sec. 5. AS 15.25.070 is repealed.

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

14 Sec. 15.35.025. REDISTRICTING: DESIGNATED SEATS. If in a re-  
15 districting of the legislature promulgated by the governor in accordance  
16 with art. VI, Constitution of the State of Alaska, an election district  
17 elects two or more senators or two or more representatives, the senate  
18 or representative seats shall be designated separately by letter or  
19 number and a candidate shall file for a specific senate or representa-  
20 tive district or seat.

21 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

22 ARTICLE 5. SPECIAL RE-RUN ELECTION.

23 Sec. 15.40.500. SPECIAL RE-RUN ELECTION. In a general election  
24 where a plurality of the voters voting for a given office vote to reject  
25 all candidates for that office, the lieutenant governor shall call a  
26 special re-run election for that office within 45 days after the general  
27 election.

28 Sec. 15.40.510. NOMINATION PROCEDURES. Within 15 days after the  
29 general election, each state central committee of the political party

1 whose nominee for governor at the most recent gubernatorial election has  
2 received at least 25 per cent of the vote cast for governor shall nomi-  
3 nate a candidate for the office to be re-run at the special election  
4 held under sec. 500 of this chapter. Candidates not representing a  
5 political party may be nominated by petition in accordance with AS 15.-  
6 25.140 - 15.25.200 within the same 15-day period after the general  
7 election applicable to political party nominations. A candidate at the  
8 special re-run election may not have been a candidate for the same  
9 office at the general election.

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

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