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2 SENATE BILL NO. 431

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 15.10 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 Sec. 15.10.105. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. (a) The
10 lieutenant governor may appoint a director of elections to act for him
11 in the supervision of central and regional election offices, the employ-
12 ment and training of election personnel, and the administration of all
13 state elections as well as those municipal elections which the state is
14 required to conduct. The director of elections may also assist the
15 lieutenant governor in the administration of the voter registration
16 program and the modification of precinct boundaries.

17 (b) It is essential that the nonpartisan nature, integrity, credi-
18 bility and impartiality of the administration of elections be maintained.
19 The director of elections and the full-time members of his staff may not
20 join, support or otherwise participate in a partisan political organiza-
21 tion, faction or activity, including but not limited to the making of
22 political contributions. The director of elections and the full-time
23 members of his staff may not hold or campaign for elective office, be an
24 officer of a political party or member or officer of a political com-
25 mittee, permit their name to be used, or make any contributions, in
26 support of or in opposition to a candidate or a ballot proposition or
27 question, participate in any way in a national, state or local election
28 campaign or lobby, employ or assist a lobbyist. However, this subsection
29 does not restrict the director of elections or the full-time members of

1 his staff from expressing private opinion, registering as to party, or
2 voting.

3 (c) The director of elections and the election supervisors
4 appointed under sec. 110 of this chapter are members of the partially
5 exempt service under AS 39.25.120(5). However, all other full-time
6 members of the staff of the division of elections in the office of the
7 lieutenant governor are members of the classified service under AS 39.25.

8 Sec. 15.10.107. STAFF TRAINING, VOTER EDUCATION. (a) The lieu-
9 tenant governor shall

10 (1) at least annually, and in any event not later than 30
11 days before each primary and general election in even-numbered years,
12 provide for a comprehensive training program for election officials,
13 both the full-time members of the staff of the division of elections
14 and those who are appointed as election board judges, clerks and
15 counters under secs. 120 - 150 of this chapter and other temporary
16 election employees;

17 (2) at least biennially, and in any event not later than 30
18 days before each primary and general election, provide for a statewide
19 voter education program.

20 (b) The lieutenant governor may cooperate with, and obtain the
21 assistance of, appropriate, nonpartisan civic organizations in the
22 conduct of the programs prescribed in (a) of this section.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120(5) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

24 (5) all employees of

25 (A) the office of the governor, including the staff of
26 the governor's mansion and the attorney members of the staff of
27 the public defender agency, but not including the non-attorney
28 members of that agency who are members of the classified service;
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(B) the office of the lieutenant governor, including the director of elections and the election supervisors, but not including the other full-time members of the staff of the division of elections who are members of the classified service;

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