

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MILLER, MALONE  
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CS HOUSE BILL NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for preferential presidential primary  
7 elections; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 15.25.010 is amended to read:

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Sec. 15.25.010. PROVISION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION. Candidates for  
11 the elective state executive and state and national legislative offices  
12 shall be nominated in a primary election by direct vote of the people in  
13 the manner prescribed by secs. 10 - 200 of this chapter.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 15.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 3. PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

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Sec. 15.25.220. ELECTION OF PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

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(a) The lieutenant governor shall call a preferential presidential  
18 primary election the last Tuesday in May of a presidential election  
19 year.

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(b) The lieutenant governor shall prepare separate ballots for  
21 each political party represented as provided for in sec. 230 of this  
22 chapter. The ballot for a party shall be headed with the name of the  
23 party and shall have as many columns as there are presidential candi-  
24 dates for candidacy for that party. Each column shall be headed with  
25 the name of a presidential candidate, in block letters.

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Sec. 15.25.230. PLACING NAMES ON BALLOT. (a) The name of a  
27 candidate for a political party nomination for the President of the  
28 United States shall be printed on the ballots only

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(1) by direction of the lieutenant governor who shall place

1 the name of a candidate upon the ballot when he determines in his sole  
2 discretion that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or  
3 recognized in national news media throughout the United States; or

4 (2) upon the petition for nomination presented to the  
5 lieutenant governor by members of the political party of the candidate  
6 in the form provided by sec. 240 of this chapter.

7 (b) The lieutenant governor may not place a candidate's name on  
8 the ballot nor may a petition be presented to the governor after the  
9 last Tuesday in April before the presidential election.

10 Sec. 15.25.240. PETITION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. (a) A  
11 petition for nomination of a candidate under sec. 230(2) of this chap-  
12 ter shall have attached to it a sheet or sheets containing the signa-  
13 tures of at least 250 qualified voters of the candidate's political  
14 party.

15 (b) The signature sheets shall also contain the residence  
16 address and name of each qualified voter whose signature appears on the  
17 petition. The signature shall be certified.

18 Sec. 15.25.250. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY BY CANDIDATE. A person  
19 who has been selected by the lieutenant governor or nominated as a  
20 candidate by petition as provided in sec. 230 of this chapter may have  
21 his name withdrawn not later than the first Tuesday before the presi-  
22 dential primary election if he executes and files with the lieutenant  
23 governor an affidavit stating his desire not to have his name printed  
24 on the presidential primary ballot.

25 Sec. 15.25.260. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. (a) In the  
26 years when a President of the United States is to be nominated and  
27 elected, the political parties in the state shall elect delegates to  
28 their national conventions in a manner the party may determine. Poli-  
29 tical party conventions held for the purpose of electing delegates to

1 the national conventions shall be held after the preferential presi-  
2 dential primary election on a date that the party may determine.

3 (b) An elected delegate to a national political party convention  
4 shall file a pledge with the lieutenant governor that he will use his  
5 best efforts at the convention for the candidate of his party for the  
6 office of President of the United States who receives the highest number  
7 of votes in the preferential presidential primary election until that  
8 candidate for President of the United States is nominated by the con-  
9 vention, receives less than 35 per cent of the votes for nomination by  
10 the convention, or releases the delegate from the pledge, or until two  
11 convention nominating ballots have been taken.

12 Sec. 15.25.270. PROCEDURES FOR PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
13 ELECTIONS. The provisions of the Election Code (AS 15) for a general  
14 election apply to a preferential presidential primary election, except  
15 to the extent that the provisions of secs. 220 - 260 of this chapter  
16 vary those provisions.

17 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
18 070(c).