

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HUBER

2 SENATE BILL NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the provision for "none of the
7 above" votes on candidates for state office and propo-
8 sitions."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 15.15.030(5) and (8) are amended to read:

11 (5) The general election ballot shall be printed on white
12 paper with the names of the candidates and their party designations
13 placed in separate sections under the office designation to which they
14 were nominated. The party affiliation, if any, shall be designated
15 after the name of the candidate. The lieutenant governor and the
16 governor shall be included under the same section. Provision shall be
17 made for voting for write-in, [AND] no-party candidates, and "none of
18 the above" votes within each section. The squares appearing on the
19 ballots shall measure 1/4 inch on each side.

20 (8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed
21 with the title and proposition for any initiative, referendum, or con-
22 stitutional amendment formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the
23 ballot in the manner prescribed by the lieutenant governor. Provision
24 shall be made for marking the proposition "For" or "Against", or, in the
25 case of a proposition that requires a choice by the voters other than
26 "For" or "Against", provision shall be made upon the ballot for a vote
27 of "None of the Above".

28 * Sec. 2. AS 15.15.370 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 15.15.370. COMPLETION OF CANVASS. When the canvass is

1 completed, and in no event later than the day after the election, the
2 election board or counters shall make a certificate in duplicate of the
3 results. The certificate includes the number of votes cast for each
4 candidate, "none of the above" votes for each section of candidates,
5 for and against each proposition, "none of the above" votes for each
6 proposition, yes or no on each question, and any additional information
7 prescribed by the lieutenant governor. The election board shall, immedi-
8 ately upon completion of the certificate or as soon thereafter as the
9 local mail service permits, send in one sealed package to the lieutenant
10 governor one copy of the certificate, the original register, all ballots
11 unlawfully exhibited, properly identified, the record of ballots de-
12 stroyed under sec. 250 of this chapter, and all oaths and affidavits.
13 In addition, all ballots properly cast shall be mailed to the lieutenant
14 governor in a separate, sealed package. Both packages, in addition to
15 an address on the outside, shall clearly indicate the precinct from
16 which they come. Each board shall, immediately upon completion of the
17 certification and as soon thereafter as the local mail service permits,
18 send the duplicate certificate and the duplicate register to its respec-
19 tive election supervisor. The lieutenant governor may authorize elec-
20 tion boards in precincts in those areas of the state where distance and
21 weather make mail communication unreliable to forward their election
22 certificates by telegram or radio. The lieutenant governor may autho-
23 rize the unofficial canvass of votes on a regional basis by election
24 supervisors, tallying the votes as indicated on duplicate certificates.
25 To assure adequate protection the lieutenant governor shall prescribe
26 the manner in which the ballots, registers, and all other election
27 records and materials are thereafter preserved, transferred, and de-
28 stroyed.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 15.15.450 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(b) Whenever a vote of "none of the above" under sec. 30(5) and (8) of this chapter succeeds at the general election, a special election shall be held not later than one year after certification of the vote. No candidate or choice presented at an election in which a vote of "none of the above" succeeds shall be presented to the voters at a special election held under this subsection.