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1 IN THE SENATE

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2  SENATE BILL NO. 69

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 elections."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.15.030(5) and (8) are 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, and "none of
16 the above" votes within each section. The squares appearing on the
17 ballots shall measure 1/4 inch on each side.

18 (8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed
19 with the title and proposition for any initiative, referendum, or con-
20 stitutional amendment formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the
21 ballot in the manner prescribed by the lieutenant governor. Provision
22 shall be made for marking the proposition "For" or "Against", or, in the
23 case of a proposition that requires a choice by the voters other than
24 "For" or "Against", provision shall be made on the ballot for a vote to
25 be written in by the voter indicating a choice other than that printed
26 on the ballot and a square which may be marked by the voter which will
27 indicate a vote 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, number of votes cast for a choice written in for each
7 proposition, yes or no on each question, and any additional information
8 prescribed by the lieutenant governor. The election board shall,
9 immediately upon completion of the certificate or as soon thereafter as
10 the local mail service permits, send in one sealed package to the
11 lieutenant governor one copy of the certificate, the original register,
12 all ballots unlawfully exhibited, properly identified, the record of
13 ballots destroyed under sec. 250 of this chapter, and all oaths and
14 affidavits. In addition, all ballots properly cast shall be mailed to
15 the lieutenant governor in a separate, sealed package. Both packages,
16 in addition to an address on the outside, shall clearly indicate the
17 precinct from which they come. Each board shall, immediately upon
18 completion of the certification and as soon thereafter as the local mail
19 service permits, send the duplicate certificate and the duplicate regis-
20 ter to its respective election supervisor. The lieutenant governor may
21 authorize election boards in precincts in those areas of the state where
22 distance and weather make mail communication unreliable to forward their
23 election certificates by telegram or radio. The lieutenant governor may
24 authorize the unofficial canvass of votes on a regional basis by elec-
25 tion supervisors, tallying the votes as indicated on duplicate certi-
26 ficates. To assure adequate protection the lieutenant governor shall
27 prescribe the manner in which the ballots, registers, and all other
28 election records and materials are thereafter preserved, transferred,
29 and destroyed.

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

(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.