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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 69

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to elections."

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

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* Section 1. AS 15.15.030(8) is amended to read:

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(8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the title and proposition for any initiative, referendum, or constitutional amendment formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the ballot in the manner prescribed by the lieutenant governor. Provision shall be made for marking the proposition "For" or "Against", or, in the case of a proposition that requires a choice by the voters other than "For" or "Against", provision shall be made on the ballot for a vote to be written in by the voter indicating a choice other than that printed on the ballot and a square which may be marked by the voter which will indicate a vote of "None of the Above".

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

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Sec. 15.15.370. COMPLETION OF CANVASS. When the canvass is completed, and in no event later than the day after the election, the election board or counters shall make a certificate in duplicate of the results. The certificate includes the number of votes cast for each candidate, for and against each proposition, "none of the above" votes for each proposition, number of votes cast for a choice written in for each proposition, yes or no on each question, and any additional information prescribed by the lieutenant governor. The election board shall, immediately upon completion of the certificate or as soon thereafter as the local mail service permits, send in one sealed package to the

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1 lieutenant governor one copy of the certificate, the original register,
2 all ballots unlawfully exhibited, properly identified, the record of
3 ballots destroyed under sec. 250 of this chapter, and all oaths and
4 affidavits. In addition, all ballots properly cast shall be mailed to
5 the lieutenant governor in a separate, sealed package. Both packages,
6 in addition to an address on the outside, shall clearly indicate the
7 precinct from which they come. Each board shall, immediately upon
8 completion of the certification and as soon thereafter as the local mail
9 service permits, send the duplicate certificate and the duplicate regis-
10 ter to its respective election supervisor. The lieutenant governor may
11 authorize election boards in precincts in those areas of the state where
12 distance and weather make mail communication unreliable to forward their
13 election certificates by telegram or radio. The lieutenant governor may
14 authorize the unofficial canvass of votes on a regional basis by elec-
15 tion supervisors, tallying the votes as indicated on duplicate certi-
16 ficates. To assure adequate protection the lieutenant governor shall
17 prescribe the manner in which the ballots, registers, and all other
18 election records and materials are thereafter preserved, transferred,
19 and destroyed.

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

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