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BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(By request of the State Affairs
sub-committee on Elections)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 489

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL,

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act revising the primary election law; and provid-
7 ing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.25.060. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS. (a) The
11 primary election ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the lieu-
12 tenant governor in the manner prescribed for general election ballots
13 except as specifically provided otherwise for the primary election. The
14 lieutenant governor shall place the names of all candidates who have
15 properly filed in separate columns for each political party, and a col-
16 umn heading shall indicate their party affiliation. The names of candi-
17 dates shall be grouped according to offices, with each office having a
18 separate section. Within each column the [GROUPS ACCORDING TO OFFICES
19 FILED FOR, WITHOUT REGARD TO PARTY AFFILIATION. THE] names for each
20 office shall be rotated as provided for the general election ballot.
21 The column at the left-hand side of the ballot shall contain the names
22 of the candidates of the political party that received the largest
23 number of votes for the office of governor at the last preceding general
24 election.

25 (b) When punch card ballots are used, they shall be arranged so
26 that the candidates of one party are listed on one side of the ballot
27 and the candidates of the other parties are listed on the reverse side
28 or on a separate card. At the top of each side of the ballot, in bold
29 lettering, shall be language instructing the voter to vote one side of

1 the ballot only and informing the voter that the other parties' candi-
2 dates are listed on the reverse side of the ballot or on a separate
3 card. No blank spaces shall be provided on the ballot for the writing
4 or pasting in of names.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 15.25.070 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.25.070. SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON COUNTING BALLOTS. No voter
7 may vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot or vote for candi-
8 dates in more than one column. Votes cast for a person whose name is
9 not on the ballot shall not be counted, but writing in a candidate's
10 name does not invalidate the entire ballot. A ballot cast with votes
11 for candidates in more than one party column may not be counted, and the
12 entire ballot is invalid.

13 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
14 070(c).