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1 IN THE SENATE

BY KELLY BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 160

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for a preferential presidential party
7 primary election in 1980; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION. (a) The
11 lieutenant governor shall call a preferential presidential party primary
12 election on the third Tuesday of April, 1980.

13 (b) The ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the lieutenant
14 governor in the manner prescribed by AS 15.25.060.

15 * Sec. 2. PLACING RECOGNIZED NAMES ON THE BALLOT. (a) The lieutenant
16 governor shall place the name of a candidate on the ballot when he determines
17 in his discretion that the candidate is generally recognized throughout the
18 United States or Alaska as a candidate for nomination for President of the
19 United States.

20 (b) No later than the last Tuesday in January of 1980 the lieutenant
21 governor shall announce a list of candidates who will appear on the ballot.
22 The lieutenant governor shall also notify the candidate by certified mail and
23 other means he considers appropriate that the candidate's name will appear on
24 the ballot in this state.

25 (c) The lieutenant governor shall notify the candidate that he may
26 withdraw the name from the ballot by filing with the lieutenant governor no
27 later than the third Tuesday of March, 1980, a statement that he is not now a
28 candidate for the office of President of the United States and requesting the
29 removal of his name. The name of a candidate withdrawing under this section

1 may not appear on the ballot.

2 * Sec. 3. PETITION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. (a) Supporters of a
3 candidate for nomination for President of the United States may file a peti-
4 tion to have the name of the candidate of their choice on the ballot. Peti-
5 tions under this section shall be filed no later than the last Tuesday in
6 January of a presidential election year, shall contain the signatures of at
7 least 3,000 qualified voters, and shall state (1) the full name of the candi-
8 date; (2) the name of the political party to which the candidate is regis-
9 tered; (3) that the subscribers are qualified voters of this state; (4) that
10 the subscribers intend to vote for the candidate at the general election if
11 the candidate is nominated; and (5) that the subscribers request that the
12 candidate's name be placed on the ballot. The signature sheets shall also
13 contain the printed name and residence address of each qualified voter whose
14 signature appears on the petition.

15 (b) The lieutenant governor shall notify a candidate of the filing of
16 the petition under this section and advise that he may withdraw his name from
17 the ballot by filing with the lieutenant governor no later than the last
18 Tuesday in February of that year a statement that he is not now a candidate
19 for the office of President of the United States and requesting the removal
20 of his name. The name of a candidate withdrawing under this section may not
21 appear on the ballot.

22 * Sec. 4. SELECTION OF DELEGATES. (a) In 1980, political parties in the
23 state shall select delegates to their national conventions according to the
24 party's plan of organization. The procedures for the selection of delegates
25 shall be held after the preferential presidential party primary election.

26 (b) Each candidate receiving more than 20 per cent of the ballot votes
27 cast in his party's primary shall be entitled to receive a proportionate
28 number of delegate votes equal to the proportionate number of ballot votes
29 the candidate received after excluding the number of ballot votes cast for

1 candidates of his party who each received less than 20 per cent of the ballot
2 votes in that party's primary. The proportions of delegate votes shall be
3 expressed as fractional delegate votes or the nearest whole number of dele-
4 gate votes as the rules of the particular national party or convention may
5 provide.

6 * Sec. 5. DELEGATES PLEDGED. A delegate selected under this Act must use
7 his best efforts to secure the nomination for the candidate to whom he is
8 pledged until that candidate is nominated by the convention, removes himself
9 from contention, receives less than 25 per cent of the delegate votes for
10 nomination by the convention, releases the delegates from the pledge, or
11 until two convention nominating ballots have been taken.

12 * Sec. 6. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTION. The provisions of AS 15
13 regarding the conduct of a general election govern the conduct of the prefer-
14 ential presidential party primary election, except to the extent that the
15 provisions of this Act are inconsistent with those provisions.

16 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
17 070(c).

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