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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 299 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to elections; and providing for an  
7 effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 15.10.180 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.10.180. APPOINTMENT OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVES FOR STATE  
11 BALLOT COUNTING REVIEW [CANVASS]. The director shall appoint two persons  
12 from each political party to participate in the state ballot counting  
13 review [CANVASSING OF THE VOTE]. Each person who is appointed and  
14 serves is entitled to compensation as provided in AS 15.15.380. Each  
15 political party may present to the director a list of three or more  
16 names from which he shall select the persons to represent the party.  
17 The list of names may be submitted in writing at least 30 days before  
18 the date of the election. The persons to represent the party on the  
19 state ballot counting review [CANVASSING] board may be selected by the  
20 state party central committee or in any other manner prescribed by the  
21 bylaws of the party. The list of names shall be certified by the chair-  
22 man of the state central committee of the party or by the person autho-  
23 rized by the party bylaws to act in the absence of the chairman.

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 15.15.210. QUESTIONING OF VOTERS OF SUSPECT QUALIFICATION.  
26 Every election judge and election clerk shall question, and every watcher  
27 and any other person qualified to vote in the precinct may question a  
28 person attempting to vote if the questioner has good reason to suspect  
29 that the questioned person is not qualified to vote. All questions

1 regarding a person's qualifications to vote shall be made in writing  
2 setting out the reason the person has been questioned. A questioned  
3 person before voting shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation in a form  
4 provided by the director attesting to the fact that in each particular  
5 the person meets all the qualifications of a voter, that he is not  
6 disqualified, and that he has not voted at the same election. He shall  
7 also state the place from which he came immediately before living in the  
8 precinct in which he now offers to vote and the length of time of his  
9 residence in the former place. After the questioned person has executed  
10 the oath or affirmation, the person may vote. If the questioned person  
11 refuses to execute the oath or affirmation, the person may not vote.

12 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 15.20.220. PROCEDURE FOR STATE REVIEW. (a) When the direc-  
14 tor and appointed party representatives have completed the review of  
15 ballots cast at the voting precincts, they shall proceed to review the  
16 absentee and questioned ballot votes certified by the district counting  
17 boards. The review of the absentee and questioned ballot vote certified  
18 by the district counting boards shall be accomplished by reviewing the  
19 tallies of the recorded vote to check for mathematical error and by  
20 comparing the totals with the election certificate of results.

21 (b) The state review board shall review and count absentee and  
22 questioned ballots that have been forwarded to the director and that  
23 have not been reviewed or counted by a district counting board. Absen-  
24 tee and questioned ballots not received in the office of the director by  
25 4:00 p.m. on the 15th day following the election may not be counted in  
26 the review.

27 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
28 070(c).