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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 409

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the primary and general elec-  
7 tions."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 15.15.030(5) is amended to read:

10 (5) The state general election ballot shall be printed on  
11 white paper with the names of the candidates and their party designa-  
12 tions placed in separate sections under the office designation to  
13 which they were nominated. The party affiliation, if any, shall be  
14 designated after the name of the candidate. The lieutenant governor  
15 and the governor shall be included under the same section. Provision  
16 shall be made for voting for write-in [AND NO-PARTY] candidates within  
17 each section. The squares appearing on the ballots shall measure 1/4  
18 inch on each side.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 15.25.025. PLACEMENT OF NAMES ON PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.  
21 The director shall place the names and the political group affiliation  
22 of persons who have been properly nominated under this chapter on the  
23 primary election ballot.

24 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.25.030(14) is amended to read:

25 (14) that the candidate [HE] is not a candidate for any  
26 other office to be voted on at the primary [OR GENERAL] election and  
27 that the candidate [HE] has not filed another declaration of candidacy  
28 or nominating petition for the office for which this declaration is  
29 filed;

1 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

2           Sec. 15.25.060. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS. The  
3 primary election ballot shall be prepared and distributed by the  
4 director in the manner prescribed for general election ballots except  
5 as specifically provided otherwise for the primary election. The  
6 director shall place the names of all candidates who have properly  
7 filed in groups according to offices filed for, without regard to  
8 party affiliation. The names for each office shall be rotated as  
9 provided for the general election ballot. The director shall provide  
10 blank spaces [NO BLANK SPACES SHALL BE PROVIDED] on the ballot for the  
11 writing or pasting in of names.

12 \* Sec. 5. AS 15.25.180(7) is repealed and reenacted to read:

13           (7) that the director is requested to put the name of the  
14 candidate on the primary election ballot;

15 \* Sec. 6. AS 15.25.180(15) is amended to read:

16           (15) that the candidate is not a candidate for any other  
17 office to be voted on at the primary [OR GENERAL] election and that  
18 the candidate [HE] has not filed another nominating petition or decla-  
19 ration of candidacy for the office for which this petition is filed.

20 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.25.200 is amended to read:

21           Sec. 15.25.200. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE'S NAME. If a candidate  
22 nominated by petition dies or withdraws after the petition has been  
23 filed and before the primary election [SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE ELECTION  
24 YEAR], the director shall not place the name of the candidate on the  
25 general election ballot. If a candidate for governor or lieutenant  
26 governor nominated by petition dies or withdraws after the petition  
27 has been filed and at any time 45 days before the primary election,  
28 the remaining nominee may submit the name of a person to replace the  
29 candidate who died or withdrew.

1 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 ARTICLE 2A. CANDIDATES NOMINATED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

3 Sec. 15.25.201. CANDIDATES NOMINATED. (a) To determine the  
4 candidates nominated at the primary election, the director shall count  
5 the votes cast for each candidate of each political party and shall  
6 cumulate the votes of all candidates of each political party cast for  
7 each office. The parties that as to that office have the largest  
8 number of votes cast for their candidates as a group and the second  
9 largest number of votes cast for their candidates as a group have  
10 nominated candidates and the candidate of each of those two parties  
11 who received the largest number of votes for the office shall appear  
12 on the general election ballot.

13 (b) The votes of the candidates of a political party for gover-  
14 nor and lieutenant governor shall be cumulated together in determining  
15 the parties that have nominated candidates.

16 (c) In this section, "political party" has the meaning given in  
17 AS 15.60.010(20), and also includes the candidacy of candidates nomi-  
18 nated under AS 15.25.140 - 15.25.200.

19 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

20 (20) "political party" means a group of organized voters  
21 which represents a political program and which nominated a candidate  
22 for governor who received at least five [10] percent of the total vote  
23 cast at the preceding general election for governor;

24 \* Sec. 10. AS 15.25.070 and 15.25.190 are repealed.