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For Today's Calendar

Original sponsor: Judiciary Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 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 15.25.010 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 15.25.010. PROVISION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION. Candidates for
21 the elective state executive and state and national legislative
22 offices shall be nominated in a primary election by direct vote of the
23 people in the manner prescribed by AS 15.25.010 - 15.25.201 [AS 15.-
24 25.010 - 15.25.200].

25 * Sec. 3. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

1 * Sec. 4. AS 15.25.030(14) is amended to read:

2 (14) that the candidate [HE] is not a candidate for any
3 other office to be voted on at the primary [OR GENERAL] election and
4 that the candidate [HE] has not filed another declaration of candidacy
5 or nominating petition for the office for which this declaration is
6 filed;

7 * Sec. 5. AS 15.25.060 is amended to read:

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

18 * Sec. 6. AS 15.25.180(7) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

21 * Sec. 7. AS 15.25.180(15) is amended to read:

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

26 * Sec. 8. AS 15.25.200 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.25.200. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE'S NAME. If a candidate
28 nominated by petition dies or withdraws after the petition has been
29 filed and before the primary election [SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE ELECTION

1 YEAR], the director shall not place the name of the candidate on the
2 general election ballot. If a candidate for governor or lieutenant
3 governor nominated by petition dies or withdraws after the petition
4 has been filed and at any time 45 days before the primary election,
5 the remaining nominee may submit the name of a person to replace the
6 candidate who died or withdrew.

7 * Sec. 9. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

9 Sec. 15.25.201. CANDIDATES NOMINATED. (a) To determine the
10 candidates nominated at the primary election, the director shall count
11 the votes cast for each no-party candidate, each write-in candidate
12 and each candidate of each political party. The director shall cumu-
13 late the votes of all candidates of each political party cast for each
14 office. The director shall determine from among the counts for no-
15 party candidates, write-in candidates, and political parties which
16 candidate or political party received the largest and second largest
17 number of votes cast. If a no-party candidate or a write-in candidate
18 received the largest or second largest count, that candidate shall
19 appear on the general election ballot. If a political party received
20 the largest or second largest count, the candidate of that party who
21 received the largest number of votes shall appear on the general
22 election ballot.

23 (b) The votes of the candidates of a political party for lieu-
24 tenant governor shall not be counted in determining the parties that
25 have nominated candidates.

26 * Sec. 10. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

27 (20) "political party" means a group of organized voters
28 which represents a political program and which nominated a candidate
29 for governor who received at least five [10] percent of the total vote

1 cast at the preceding general election for governor;

2 * Sec 11. AS 15.25.070, 15.25.100, and 15.25.190 are repealed.