

Original sponsor: Judiciary Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Judiciary) am(failed H)  
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 of-  
22 fices 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 at the primary election. The candidate who receives  
12 the largest number of votes cast at the primary election for each  
13 particular office and the candidate who receives the second largest  
14 number of votes cast at the primary election for each particular  
15 office are each nominated and their names shall appear on the general  
16 election ballot.

17 (b) If a candidate of a political party is nominated for the  
18 office of governor, the director shall place on the general election  
19 ballot as the candidate for lieutenant governor of the party the name  
20 of the candidate of that party who received the largest number of  
21 votes for lieutenant governor.

22 (c) No-party and write-in candidates for governor and lieutenant  
23 governor run as a team in the primary election and, if nominated, in  
24 the general election.

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

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

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 AS 15.25.070, 15.25.100, and 15.25.190 are repealed.