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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 597

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act amending the election laws of the state; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.05.030 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.05.030. LOSS AND RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS. (a) A
11 person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral
12 turpitude under state law may not vote in a state or a municipal
13 election from the date of the conviction through the date of the
14 restoration of voting rights under this section. The right to vote
15 withdrawn under this section is automatically restored upon the uncon-
16 ditional discharge of the person. However, before voting, the person
17 must register under AS 15.07.

18 (b) The commissioner of health and social services shall estab-
19 lish procedures by which a person unconditionally discharged is
20 advised of the restoration of voting rights withdrawn by a conviction
21 and of the voter registration requirements and procedures.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 15.07.135. CANCELLATION [SUSPENSION] OF REGISTRATION OF
24 CONVICTED PERSONS. The director shall make reasonable efforts to ob-
25 tain the names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpi-
26 tude. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE
27 NAMES OF PERSONS UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.] The direc-
28 tor shall cancel [SUSPEND] the registration of a person convicted of a
29 felony involving moral turpitude. Upon presenting proof that [UNTIL]

1 the person is unconditionally discharged from custody, the person may
2 register. The director may also make reasonable efforts to verify the
3 unconditional discharge of persons applying for registration under
4 this section.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07.160 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.07.160. UNLAWFUL ACTION. (a) Except as provided in
7 AS 15.07.135, it [IT] is unlawful for a registration official to re-
8 fuse to register a person who is qualified to vote under provisions of
9 AS 15.05.010(1) -- (4).

10 (b) It is unlawful for a person to register who knows he is not
11 qualified to vote under provisions of AS 15.05.010(1) -- (4) or 15.-
12 05.030.

13 (c) (Repealed)

14 * Sec. 4. AS 15.15.198(b) and AS 15.20.207(b)(2) are repealed.

15 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
16 10.070(c).