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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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* Section 1. AS 15.05.030 is amended to read:

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Sec. 15.05.030. LOSS AND RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS. (a) A

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person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral

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turpitude under state law may not vote in a state or a municipal

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election from the date of the conviction through the date of the

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[RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE RIGHT TO VOTE

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WITHDRAWN UNDER THIS SECTION IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED UPON THE]

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unconditional discharge of the person. Upon the unconditional dis-

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charge, the person may register under AS 15.07.

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(b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures

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by which a person unconditionally discharged is advised of the voter

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registration requirements and procedures [RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

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WITHDRAWN BY A CONVICTION].

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

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Sec. 15.07.135. CANCELLATION [SUSPENSION] OF REGISTRATION OF

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CONVICTED PERSONS. The director shall make reasonable efforts to ob-

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tain the names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpi-

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tude. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE

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NAMES OF PERSONS UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.] The direc-

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tor shall cancel [SUSPEND] the registration of a person convicted of a

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felony involving moral turpitude. Upon presenting proof that [UNTIL]

1 the person is unconditionally discharged from custody, the person may
2 register. The director shall 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(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Except as provided in AS 15.07.135, it [IT] is unlawful for
7 a registration official to refuse to register a person who is qual-
8 ified to vote under provisions of AS 15.05.010(1) - (4).

9 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.160(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 (b) It is unlawful for a person knowingly lacking the qualifica-
11 tions of a voter to register under AS 15.07.030 to vote.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 15.10.180 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.10.180. APPOINTMENT OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVES FOR STATE
14 BALLOT COUNTING REVIEW. The director shall appoint [TWO] persons from
15 each political party to serve on teams to participate in the state
16 ballot counting review. The director may determine the number of
17 teams to be appointed but each team must have members from at least
18 two political parties. Each person who is appointed and serves is
19 entitled to compensation as provided in AS 15.15.380. Each political
20 party may present to the director a list of three or more names from
21 which the director shall select the persons to represent the party.
22 The list of names may be submitted in writing at least 30 days before
23 the date of the election. The persons to represent the party on the
24 state ballot counting review board may be selected by the state party
25 central committee or in any other manner prescribed by the bylaws of
26 the party. The list of names shall be certified by the chair [CHAIR-
27 MAN] of the state central committee of the party or by the person
28 authorized by the party bylaws to act in the absence of the chairman.

29 * Sec. 6. AS 15.13.120(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty
2 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment
3 for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$5,000. A
4 violation includes but is not limited to any of the following acts or
5 omissions:

6 (1) failing to make a statement or report required to be
7 made under this chapter, or failing to make a statement or report at
8 the time the statement or report is required to be made under this
9 chapter;

10 (2) [MAKING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE WHICH
11 EXCEEDS THE LIMITATIONS OF AS 15.13.070(f);

12 (3)] making a false statement or report under this chapter;

13 (3) [(4)] giving or furnishing money to another person or
14 group for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anony-
15 mously, in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contri-
16 buting in violation of AS 15.13.090;

17 (4) [(5)] making a communication to support or defeat a
18 candidate without identification of sponsorship, in violation of
19 AS 15.13.090; [.]

20 (5) [(6)] knowingly accepting a contribution in violation
21 of AS 15.13.070. [;]

22 * Sec. 7. AS 15.15.070(c) is amended to read:

23 (c) Public notice shall also be given by posting notices in two
24 or more conspicuous places in each election precinct. The posted
25 notice shall specifically include but is not limited to the date of
26 election, [THE BOUNDARY OF THE PRECINCT,] the location of the polling
27 place, the hours between which the polling places will be open, the
28 offices to which candidates are to be nominated or elected, and the
29 subject of the propositions and questions which are to be voted on.

1 * Sec. 8. AS 15.15.440 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 15.15.440. DATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING STATE BALLOT
3 COUNTING REVIEW. The state ballot counting review shall begin no
4 later than 11 [EIGHT] days after the election and be continued daily
5 until completed. The director may designate the hours each day during
6 which the state ballot counting review board is to conduct its ballot
7 counting review. The director shall close the review when the direc-
8 tor [HE] is satisfied that no missing precinct certificate of election
9 would, if received, change the result of the election. If no election
10 certificate has been received from a precinct, the director may secure
11 from the election supervisors and may count a certified copy of the
12 duplicate election certificate of the precinct. If no election mate-
13 rials have been received, but election results have been received by
14 telephone, telegram or radio, the director shall count the election
15 results so received. If the director has reason to believe that a
16 missing precinct certificate, if received, would affect the result of
17 the election, the director shall await the receipt of the certificate
18 until the close of business on [FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON OF] the
19 15th day after the date of election. A certificate not actually
20 delivered to the director by the close of business [FOUR O'CLOCK] on
21 the 15th day after the election may [SHALL] not be counted at the
22 state ballot counting review.

23 * Sec. 9. AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 15.20.030. PREPARATION OF BALLOTS, ENVELOPES, AND OTHER
25 MATERIAL. The director shall provide ballots for use as absentee
26 ballots in all districts. The director shall provide a small envelope
27 in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot, and shall
28 provide a larger envelope, with the prescribed voter's certificate on
29 the back, in which the small envelope with ballot enclosed shall be

1 placed. The director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the
2 voter's certificate, envelopes, and other material used in absentee
3 voting. The voter's certificate shall include an oath, for use when
4 required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a blank
5 for the voter's signature, [A CERTIFICATION THAT THE AFFIANT PROPERLY
6 EXECUTED THE MARKING OF THE BALLOT AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, BLANKS FOR
7 THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESSES,] and a place for recording the
8 date the envelope was sealed and signed [WITNESSED].

9 * Sec. 10. AS 15.20.061(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot
11 to the following election officials at the times specified:

12 (1) to an absentee voting official in the election district
13 in which the voter resides on or after the 15th day before an election
14 up to and including the day before the date of the election;

15 (2) to an election supervisor

16 (A) after a date announced by the director under
17 AS 15.20.048(b); and

18 (B) on or after the 15th day before an election up to
19 and including the date of the election;

20 (3) to an absentee voting official at an absentee voting
21 station designated under AS 15.20.045(b) at any time when the absentee
22 voting station is operating;

23 (4) to an absentee voting official in the precinct in which
24 the voter resides when distances preclude easy access to the polling
25 place on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including
26 election day;

27 (5) to an absentee voting official in the precinct in which
28 no volunteers can be located to serve on the election board on or
29 after the 15th day before an election up to and including election

1 day;

2 (6) to an absentee voting official in a municipality with
3 at least 2,000 residents, for eight hours a day for each day including
4 Saturday and Sunday for the week that precedes a primary or general
5 election of the state or that precedes a special statewide election.

6 * Sec. 11. AS 15.20.061(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) On receipt of an absentee ballot in person, the voter shall
8 proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small
9 envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to
10 sign the voter's certificate on the back of the larger envelope [IN
11 THE PRESENCE OF THE ELECTION OFFICIAL WHO SHALL SIGN AS ATTESTING
12 OFFICIAL AND DATE HIS SIGNATURE]. The election official shall then
13 accept the ballot.

14 * Sec. 12. AS 15.20.071(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) The personal representative shall deliver the absentee
16 ballot to the voter as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of an absen-
17 tee ballot through a personal representative, the voter shall proceed
18 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small enve-
19 lope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to sign
20 the voter's certificate on the back of the envelope in the presence of
21 the personal representative who shall witness and date the signature
22 of the voter [SIGN AS ATTESTING WITNESS AND DATE HIS SIGNATURE]. The
23 voter shall then return the absentee ballot to the [HIS] personal
24 representative who shall deliver the ballot to the election official
25 who provided the ballot. The absentee ballot must be returned to the
26 election official within three days from the date it is obtained but
27 not later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. An absentee ballot that is
28 not returned to the election official by the close of business on the
29 third day from the day it is obtained may not be counted but the voter

1 may vote in the election.

2 * Sec. 13. AS 15.20.081(d) is amended to read:

3 (d) Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter [, IN
4 THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED
5 FORCES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD, DISTRICT JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE,
6 UNITED STATES POSTAL OFFICIAL, OR OTHER PERSON QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER
7 OATHS,] may proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot
8 in the small envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger
9 envelope, and to sign the voter's certificate on the back of the
10 larger envelope [IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL LISTED IN THIS SUB-
11 SECTION WHO SHALL SIGN AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AND SHALL DATE THE SIGNA-
12 TURE. IF NONE OF THE OFFICIALS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION IS REASON-
13 ABLY ACCESSIBLE, AN ABSENTEE VOTER SHALL HAVE THE BALLOT WITNESSED BY
14 TWO PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND, IN ADDITION, SHALL PROVIDE
15 THE CERTIFICATION PRESCRIBED IN AS 09.63.020].

16 * Sec. 14. AS 15.20.081(e) is amended to read:

17 (e) An absentee ballot must be marked [AND ATTESTED] on or
18 before the date of the election. The absentee voter may return the
19 marked ballot by any appropriate means. Except as provided in (h) of
20 this section, a [IF THE] voter who returns the ballot by mail [, HE]
21 shall use the most expeditious mail service and mail the ballot not
22 later than the day of the election to the election supervisor for the
23 [IN HIS] election district in which the voter seeks to vote. The
24 ballot may not be counted unless it is received by the close of busi-
25 ness on the sixth day after the election. If the ballot is post-
26 marked, it must be postmarked on or before election day.

27 * Sec. 15. AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (h) An absentee ballot returned by mail from outside the United
29 States or from a military APO or FPO address that has been marked and

1 mailed not later than election day may not be counted unless the
2 ballot is received by the election supervisor not later than the close
3 of business [4:00 P.M.] on the 10th day following the election.

4 * Sec. 16. AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) No less than seven days [ON THE SEVENTH DAY] preceding the
6 day of election, the election supervisor [OR HIS DESIGNEE], in the
7 presence and with the assistance of the district absentee ballot
8 counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee bal-
9 lots received by that date. The review of absentee ballots shall
10 continue at times designated by the election supervisor until complet-
11 ed [AND SHALL INCLUDE ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF
12 THE ELECTION SUPERVISOR BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE SEVENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE
13 DAY OF THE ELECTION].

14 * Sec. 17. AS 15.20.201(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) On the 10th [EIGHTH] day following the day of the election,
16 the district absentee ballot counting board shall certify the absentee
17 ballot review.

18 * Sec. 18. AS 15.20.201(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) Absentee ballots received in the office of an election
20 supervisor after the 10th [SEVENTH] day following the day of the
21 election shall be forwarded immediately to the director by the most
22 expeditious service.

23 * Sec. 19. AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:

24 (b) An absentee ballot may not be counted if

25 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-
26 cate;

27 (2) [AN OFFICIAL OR THE WITNESSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO
28 ATTEST THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE FAIL TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE;

29 (3) THE VOTER FAILS TO ENCLOSE THE MARKED BALLOT INSIDE THE

1 SMALL ENVELOPE;

2 (4)] the ballot is not signed [ATTESTED] on or before the
3 date of the election; or

4 (3) [(5)] the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on
5 or before the date of the election.

6 * Sec. 20. AS 15.20.203(g) is amended to read:

7 (g) Upon completion of the absentee ballot review, the election
8 supervisor shall prepare an election certificate for execution by the
9 district absentee ballot counting board and shall forward the original
10 certificate and other returns to the director no later than the 11th
11 [NINTH] day following the election.

12 * Sec. 21. AS 15.20.205(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) The district questioned ballot counting board shall certify
14 the questioned ballot totals as soon as the count is completed but no
15 later than the 10th [EIGHTH] day following the election.

16 * Sec. 22. AS 15.20.207(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) A questioned ballot may not be counted if
18 [(1)] the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-
19 cate [;

20 (2) AN OFFICIAL OR THE WITNESSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO
21 ATTEST THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE FAIL TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE; OR

22 (3) THE VOTER DID NOT ENCLOSE THE MARKED BALLOT INSIDE THE
23 SMALL ENVELOPE].

24 * Sec. 23. AS 15.20.440(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The application shall state in substance the basis of the
26 belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct
27 or election district for which the recount is to be held, the particu-
28 lar office, proposition, or question for which the recount is to be
29 held, and that the person making the application is a candidate or

1 that the 10 persons making the application are qualified voters. The
2 candidate or persons making the application shall designate by full
3 name and mailing address two persons who shall represent the applicant
4 and be present and assist during the recount. Any person may be named
5 representative, including the candidate [HIMSELF] or any person sign-
6 ing the application [, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PAID IN THE
7 SAME AMOUNT AND MANNER AS ELECTION JUDGES]. Applications by 10 qual-
8 ified voters shall also include the designation of one of the number
9 as chair [CHAIRMAN]. The candidate or persons making the application
10 shall sign the application and shall print or type their full name and
11 mailing address.

12 * Sec. 24. AS 15.20.450 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 15.20.450. REQUIREMENT OF DEPOSIT. The application shall
14 include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a
15 surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$300
16 [\$50] for each precinct, \$750 [\$250] for each election district, and
17 \$10,000 [\$2,000] for the entire state. If [HOWEVER, IF] the recount
18 includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the
19 difference between the number of votes cast was 20 [10] or less or was
20 less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two
21 candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for
22 which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the
23 number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 [10]
24 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor
25 of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit
26 and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount,
27 a candidate other than the candidate who received the original elec-
28 tion certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is
29 determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported

1 by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in
2 favor or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the
3 application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire
4 deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining
5 after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

6 * Sec. 25. AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 15.20.480. PROCEDURE FOR RECOUNT. In conducting the re-
8 count, the director [OR HIS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE] shall review all
9 ballots whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by comput-
10 er or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot
11 counting board to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were
12 properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount,
13 and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct
14 certificate and the review. The director shall check the number of
15 ballots and questioned ballots cast in a precinct against the regis-
16 ters and shall check absentee ballots voted against absentee ballots
17 distributed. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL COUNT ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED
18 AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON THE 15TH DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION AND BEFORE THE
19 COMPLETION OF THE RECOUNT.] For administrative purposes, the director
20 may join and include two or more applications in a single review and
21 count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of
22 hand-marked ballots and the rules in AS 15.20.730 governing the count-
23 ing of punch-card ballots shall be followed in the recount. The
24 ballots and other election material shall remain in the custody of the
25 director during the recount and the highest degree of care shall be
26 exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation.
27 The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The director may
28 employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

29 * Sec. 26. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to

1 read:

2 Sec. 15.20.580. SUPERVISION OF PUNCH-CARD VOTING. In accordance
3 with AS 15.15.010, the director shall supervise punch-card voting
4 procedures and the counting of punch-card ballots.

5 * Sec. 27. AS 15.20.620(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 (d) During the tabulation by computer at main computer counting
7 sites, a manual count shall be made of a statistical sample of ballots
8 for all races in at least one precinct picked at random for each
9 election district counted at the site, under regulations adopted by
10 the director. The director shall check the results of the manual
11 count against those of the system.

12 * Sec. 28. AS 15.25.050(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) At the time the declaration is filed, each candidate shall
14 pay a nonrefundable filing fee to the director. The filing fee for
15 candidates for office of governor, lieutenant governor, United States
16 senator, and United States representative is \$100. The filing fee for
17 candidates for office of state senator and state representative is
18 \$30. [SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PAY
19 THE FILING FEE COLLECTED FROM A CANDIDATE UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE
20 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY OF THAT CANDIDATE.]

21 * Sec. 29. AS 15.25.160 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 15.25.160. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR STATEWIDE
23 OFFICE. Petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of
24 governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator and United States
25 representative shall be signed by qualified voters of the state equal
26 in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who
27 cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general election. Candi-
28 dates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor shall file
29 jointly.

1 * Sec. 30. AS 15.25.170 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 15.25.170. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR DISTRICT-WIDE
3 OFFICE. Petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of
4 state senator or state representative shall be signed by qualified
5 voters of the election or senate district in which the proposed nomi-
6 nee desires to be a candidate equal in number to at least one [THREE]
7 percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the
8 proposed nominee's [HIS] respective election or senate district in the
9 preceding general election. A [, PROVIDED THAT NO] nominating peti-
10 tion [NEED CONTAIN MORE THAN 200 SIGNATURES NOR] may not [IT] contain
11 less than 50 signatures for any district.

12 * Sec. 31. AS 15.30.025(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A limited political party may be organized for the purpose
14 of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President
15 of the United States by filing [A PETITION] with the director at least
16 90 days before a presidential general election a petition signed by
17 qualified voters of the [THIS] state equaling in number at least one
18 [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [ALASKA'S
19 TOTAL VOTE] for President at the last presidential election. The
20 petition shall state that the signers intend to organize a limited
21 political party, that they intend to select candidates for electors of
22 President and Vice-President of the United States at the next succeed-
23 ing presidential election, and the name of the limited political
24 party.

25 * Sec. 32. AS 15.30.025(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) A limited political party organized under this section
27 ceases [SHALL CEASE] to be a limited political party if [WHENEVER] its
28 presidential candidate fails to receive at least three [10] percent of
29 the number of voters who cast ballots [TOTAL ALASKAN VOTE CAST] for

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5 voters of the election or senate district in which the proposed nomi-
6 nee desires to be a candidate equal in number to at least one [THREE]
7 percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the
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18 [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [ALASKA'S
19 TOTAL VOTE] for President at the last presidential election. The
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24 party.

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28 presidential candidate fails to receive at least three [10] percent of
29 the number of voters who cast ballots [TOTAL ALASKAN VOTE CAST] for

1 the office of President at a presidential election.

2 * Sec. 33. AS 15.40.100 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 15.40.100. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY CANDI-
4 DATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not representing a
5 political party shall be signed by qualified voters of the state equal
6 in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who
7 cast ballots [NUMBERS OF VOTES CAST] in the preceding general elec-
8 tion, and shall state in substance that which is required in petitions
9 for nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

10 * Sec. 34. AS 15.40.190 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15.40.190. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR [OF] NO-PARTY
12 CANDIDATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not represent-
13 ing a political party shall be signed by qualified voters of the state
14 equal in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of
15 voters who cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general election
16 and shall state in substance that which is required for nomination
17 petitions by AS 15.25.180.

18 * Sec. 35. AS 15.40.280 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 15.40.280. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR [OF] NO-PARTY
20 CANDIDATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not represent-
21 ing a political party shall be signed by qualified voters of the state
22 equal in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of
23 voters who cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general elec-
24 tion, shall include nominees for the office of governor and lieutenant
25 governor, and shall state in substance that which is required for
26 nomination petitions by AS 15.25.180.

27 * Sec. 36. AS 15.40.440 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 15.40.440. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY CANDI-
29 DATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not representing a

1 political party shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to
2 at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots
3 [VOTES CAST] in the proposed nominee's [HIS] respective election or
4 senate district in the preceding general election. A [, PROVIDED THAT
5 NO] nominating petition [NEED CONTAIN MORE THAN 200 SIGNATURES NOR]
6 may not [IT] contain less than 50 signatures for any district, and
7 shall state in substance that which is required in petitions for
8 nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

9 * Sec. 37. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

10 (20) "political party" means an organized [A] group of
11 [ORGANIZED] voters that [WHICH] represents a political program and
12 that [WHICH] nominated a candidate for governor who received at least
13 three [10] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [TOTAL
14 VOTE CAST] at the preceding general election for governor;

15 * Sec. 38. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g), AS 15.20.160, 15.20.201(d) and
16 AS 15.25.180(10) are repealed.

17 * Sec. 39. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
18 10.070(c).