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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 person convicted of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state law may not vote in a state or a municipal election from the date of the conviction through the date of the [RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE RIGHT TO VOTE WITHDRAWN UNDER THIS SECTION IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED UPON THE] unconditional discharge of the person. Upon the unconditional discharge, the person may register under AS 15.07.

(b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures by which a person unconditionally discharged is advised of the voter registration requirements and procedures [RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS WITHDRAWN BY A CONVICTION].

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

Sec. 15.07.135. CANCELLATION [SUSPENSION] OF REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED PERSONS. The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE NAMES OF PERSONS UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.] The director shall cancel [SUSPEND] the registration of a person convicted of a 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 AS 15.07.160(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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 [AS 15.13.070(f)];

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

13 (4) giving or furnishing money to another person or group
14 for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anonymously,
15 in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contributing in
16 violation of AS 15.13.090;

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

20 (6) knowingly accepting a contribution in violation of
21 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 15.20.071(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) The personal representative shall deliver the absentee
25 ballot to the voter as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of an absen-
26 tee ballot through a personal representative, the voter shall proceed
27 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small enve-
28 lope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to sign
29 the voter's certificate on the back of the envelope in the presence of

1 the personal representative who shall witness and date the signature
2 of the voter [SIGN AS ATTESTING WITNESS AND DATE HIS SIGNATURE]. The
3 voter shall then return the absentee ballot to the [HIS] personal
4 representative who shall deliver the ballot to the election official
5 who provided the ballot. The absentee ballot must be returned to the
6 election official within three days from the date it is obtained but
7 not later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. An absentee ballot that is
8 not returned to the election official by the close of business on the
9 third day from the day it is obtained may not be counted but the voter
10 may vote in the election.

11 * Sec. 10. AS 15.20.081(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) An application for an absentee ballot by mail must be
13 postmarked not [MORE THAN SIX MONTHS NOR] less than 14 [SEVEN] days
14 before the election for which the absentee ballot is sought. The
15 absentee ballot application shall permit the person to register to
16 vote under AS 15.07.070 and to request an absentee ballot for each
17 state election held within that calendar year for which the voter is
18 eligible to vote.

19 * Sec. 11. AS 15.20.081(e) is amended to read:

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

29 * Sec. 12. AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (h) An absentee ballot returned by mail from outside the United
2 States or from a military APO or FPO address that has been marked and
3 mailed not later than election day may not be counted unless the
4 ballot is received by the election supervisor not later than the close
5 of business on the 10th day following the election.

6 * Sec. 13. AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

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

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

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

20 * Sec. 15. AS 15.20.201(d) is amended to read:

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

25 * Sec. 16. AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:

26 (b) An absentee ballot may not be counted if
27 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-
28 cate;
29 (2) an official or the witnesses authorized by law to

1 attest the voter's certificate fail to execute the certificate;

2 (3) [THE VOTER FAILS TO ENCLOSE THE MARKED BALLOT INSIDE
3 THE SMALL ENVELOPE;

4 (4)] the ballot is not attested on or before the date of
5 the election; or

6 (4) [(5)] the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on
7 or before the date of the election.

8 * Sec. 17 AS 15.20.203(g) is amended to read:

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

14 * Sec. 18. AS 15.20.205(c) is amended to read:

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

18 * Sec. 19. AS 15.20.207(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) A questioned ballot may not be counted if

20 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-
21 cate; or

22 (2) an official or the witnesses authorized by law to
23 attest the voter's certificate fail to execute the certificate [; OR

24 (3) THE VOTER DID NOT ENCLOSE THE MARKED BALLOT INSIDE THE
25 SMALL ENVELOPE].

26 * Sec. 20. AS 15.20.440(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) The application shall state in substance the basis of the
28 belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct
29 or election district for which the recount is to be held, the

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

14 * Sec. 21. AS 15.20.450 is amended to read:

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

1 election certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is
2 determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported
3 by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in
4 favor or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the
5 application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire
6 deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining
7 after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

8 * Sec. 22. AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

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

1 employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

2 * Sec. 23. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to
3 read:

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

7 * Sec. 24. AS 15.20.620(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

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

15 Sec. 15.25.042. ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE. (a) If the direc-
16 tor receives a complaint regarding the eligibility of a candidate for
17 a particular office, the director shall determine eligibility under
18 regulations adopted by the director. The director shall determine the
19 eligibility of the candidate within 30 days of the receipt of the
20 complaint.

21 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the director
22 shall determine the eligibility of the candidate by a preponderance of
23 the evidence.

24 (c) If a candidate for the legislature has been registered to
25 vote at any time during the 12 months preceding the filing of the
26 declaration of candidacy in a district other than the district in
27 which the declaration of candidacy has been filed, the director may
28 not determine that a candidate is eligible except under a standard of
29 clear and convincing evidence.

1 (d) A person may not be a resident of two districts at the same
2 time.

3 * Sec. 26. AS 15.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 15.25.043. DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY OF A CANDIDATE. In
5 determining the residence within an election district of a qualified
6 voter for the purposes of compliance with art. II, sec. 2 of the
7 Alaska Constitution, the director shall apply the rules established in
8 AS 15.05.020 together with the following rules:

9 (1) a person establishes residence within an election
10 district

11 (A) by actual physical presence at a specific location
12 within the district; and

13 (B) with an intention to maintain a habitation at the
14 specific location;

15 (2) a person may maintain a place of residence at a
16 specific location within a district while away from the location for
17 purposes of employment, education, military service, or vacation if
18 the person does not establish residency at another location; and

19 (3) a qualified voter loses residence by voting in another
20 election district or in another state's elections.

21 * Sec. 27. AS 15.25.050(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) At the time the declaration is filed, each candidate shall
23 pay a nonrefundable filing fee to the director. The filing fee for
24 candidates for office of governor, lieutenant governor, United States
25 senator, and United States representative is \$100. The filing fee for
26 candidates for office of state senator and state representative is
27 \$30. [SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PAY
28 THE FILING FEE COLLECTED FROM A CANDIDATE UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE
29 CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY OF THAT CANDIDATE.]

1 * Sec. 28. AS 15.25.160 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 15.25.160. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR STATEWIDE
3 OFFICE. Petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of
4 governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator and United States
5 representative 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 [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general election. Candi-
8 dates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor shall file
9 jointly.

10 * Sec. 29. AS 15.25.170 is amended to read:

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

21 * Sec. 30. AS 15.30.025(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) A limited political party may be organized for the purpose
23 of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President
24 of the United States by filing [A PETITION] with the director at least
25 90 days before a presidential general election a petition signed by
26 qualified voters of the [THIS] state equaling in number at least one
27 [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots [ALASKA'S
28 TOTAL VOTE] for President at the last presidential election. The
29 petition shall state that the signers intend to organize a limited

1 political party, that they intend to select candidates for electors of
2 President and Vice-President of the United States at the next succeed-
3 ing presidential election, and the name of the limited political
4 party.

5 * Sec. 31. AS 15.30.025(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) A limited political party organized under this section
7 ceases [SHALL CEASE] to be a limited political party if [WHENEVER] its
8 presidential candidate fails to receive at least three [10] percent of
9 the number of voters who cast ballots [TOTAL ALASKAN VOTE CAST] for
10 the office of President at a presidential election.

11 * Sec. 32. AS 15.35.040 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 15.35.040. FILING DECLARATION BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.
13 Each justice seeking retention in office shall file with the director
14 a declaration of candidacy for retention no later than August 1 before
15 [NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF] the general election at
16 which approval or rejection is requisite.

17 * Sec. 33. AS 15.35.055 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 15.35.055. FILING DECLARATION BY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF
19 APPEALS. Each judge of the court of appeals seeking retention in
20 office shall file with the director a declaration of candidacy for
21 retention no later than August 1 before [NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE
22 THE DATE OF] the general election at which approval or rejection is
23 requisite.

24 * Sec. 34. AS 15.35.070 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.35.070. FILING DECLARATION BY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.
26 Each judge seeking retention in office shall file with the director a
27 declaration of candidacy for retention no later than August 1 before
28 [NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE FIXED FOR] the general election
29 at which approval or rejection is requisite.

1 * Sec. 35. AS 15.35.110 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 15.35.110. FILING DECLARATION BY DISTRICT JUDGE. Each
3 district judge seeking retention in office shall file with the direc-
4 tor a declaration of candidacy for retention no later than August 1
5 before [NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE FIXED FOR] the general
6 election at which approval or rejection is requisite.

7 * Sec. 36. AS 15.40.100 is amended to read:

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

15 * Sec. 37. AS 15.40.190 is amended to read:

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

23 * Sec. 38. AS 15.40.280 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 15.40.280. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR [OF] NO-PARTY
25 CANDIDATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not represent-
26 ing a political party shall be signed by qualified voters of the state
27 equal in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of
28 voters who cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general elec-
29 tion, shall include nominees for the office of governor and lieutenant

1 governor, and shall state in substance that which is required for
2 nomination petitions by AS 15.25.180.

3 * Sec. 39. AS 15.40.440 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.40.440. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY CANDI-
5 DATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not representing a
6 political party shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to
7 at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots
8 [VOTES CAST] in the proposed nominee's [HIS] respective election or
9 senate district in the preceding general election. A [, PROVIDED THAT
10 NO] nominating petition [NEED CONTAIN MORE THAN 200 SIGNATURES NOR]
11 may not [IT] contain less than 50 signatures for any district, and
12 shall state in substance that which is required in petitions for
13 nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

14 * Sec. 40. AS 15.58.010 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 15.58.010. ELECTION PAMPHLET. Before each state general
16 election, the lieutenant governor shall prepare, publish and mail at
17 least one [AN] election pamphlet to each household identified from the
18 official registration list [EVERY REGISTERED VOTER]. The pamphlet
19 shall be prepared on a regional basis as determined by the lieutenant
20 governor.

21 * Sec. 41. AS 15.58.030(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) No later than July 15 of a presidential election year [75
23 DAYS BEFORE THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION], candidates for the offices of
24 the United States President and Vice-President may file with the
25 lieutenant governor photographs and statements advocating their candi-
26 dacy.

27 * Sec. 42. AS 15.58.030(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) No later than July 15 of a year in which a [75 DAYS BEFORE
29 THE] state general election will be held, a candidate for the office

1 of United States senator, United States representative, governor,
2 lieutenant governor, [JUSTICE OR JUDGE,] state senator, or state rep-
3 resentative may file with the lieutenant governor a photograph and a
4 statement advocating the [HIS] candidacy.

5 * Sec. 43. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (g) No later than August 7 of the year in which the state gener-
7 al election will be held, a person seeking retention in office as a
8 justice or judge may file with the lieutenant governor a photograph
9 and a statement advocating the candidacy.

10 * Sec. 44. AS 15.58.040(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) No later than July 15 of a year in which a [75 DAYS BEFORE
12 THE] state general election will be held, a political party may file
13 with the lieutenant governor a maximum of two pages of material.

14 * Sec. 45. AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 15.58.050. INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUDICIAL
16 OFFICERS. No later than August 7 of the year in which [75 DAYS BE-
17 FORE] the state general election will be held, the judicial council
18 shall file with the lieutenant governor a statement including informa-
19 tion about each supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, superi-
20 or court judge, and district court judge who will be subject to a
21 retention election. The statement shall reflect the evaluation of
22 each justice or judge conducted by the judicial council according to
23 law. A statement may not exceed 600 words.

24 * Sec. 46. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

25 (20) "political party" means an organized [A] group of
26 [ORGANIZED] voters that [WHICH] represents a political program and
27 that [WHICH] nominated a candidate for governor who received at least
28 three [10] percent of the total votes [VOTE] cast at the preceding
29 general election for governor;

1 * Sec. 47. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g); AS 15.20.201(d); and AS 15.25.-
2 180(10) are repealed.

3 * Sec. 48. Sections 1 - 31, 36 - 42, 44 and 46 - 47 of this Act take
4 effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

5 * Sec. 49. Sections 32 - 35, 43 and 45 of this Act take effect
6 January 1, 1987.