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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284 (Rules) am  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to elections; and providing for an  
7 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15 WITHDRAWN UNDER THIS SECTION IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED UPON THE]  
16 unconditional discharge of the person. Upon the unconditional dis-  
17 charge, the person may register under AS 15.07.  
18 (b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures  
19 by which a person unconditionally discharged is advised of the voter  
20 registration requirements and procedures [RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS  
21 WITHDRAWN BY A CONVICTION].  
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 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 AS 15.07.160(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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 15.15.198(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) If a voter's name does not appear on the official registra-  
3 tion list in the precinct in which the voter [HE] seeks to vote, the  
4 election judge shall affirmatively advise the voter that the voter may  
5 cast a questioned ballot and the voter [HE] shall be allowed to vote a  
6 questioned ballot.

7 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.15.440 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 15.15.440. DATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING STATE BALLOT  
9 COUNTING REVIEW. The state ballot counting review shall begin no  
10 later than 11 [EIGHT] days after the election and be continued daily  
11 until completed. The director may designate the hours each day during  
12 which the state ballot counting review board is to conduct its ballot  
13 counting review. The director shall close the review when the direc-  
14 tor [HE] is satisfied that no missing precinct certificate of election  
15 would, if received, change the result of the election. If no election  
16 certificate has been received from a precinct, the director may secure  
17 from the election supervisors and may count a certified copy of the  
18 duplicate election certificate of the precinct. If no election mate-  
19 rials have been received, but election results have been received by  
20 telephone, telegram or radio, the director shall count the election  
21 results so received. If the director has reason to believe that a  
22 missing precinct certificate, if received, would affect the result of  
23 the election, the director shall await the receipt of the certificate  
24 until the close of business on [FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON OF] the  
25 15th day after the date of election. A certificate not actually  
26 delivered to the director by the close of business [FOUR O'CLOCK] on  
27 the 15th day after the election may [SHALL] not be counted at the  
28 state ballot counting review.

29 \* Sec. 10. AS 15.20.071(c) is amended to read:

1           (c) The personal representative shall deliver the absentee  
2 ballot to the voter as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of an absen-  
3 tee ballot through a personal representative, the voter shall proceed  
4 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small enve-  
5 lope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to sign  
6 the voter's certificate on [THE BACK OF] the envelope in the presence  
7 of the personal representative who shall witness and date the signa-  
8 ture of the voter. The voter must mark the ballot and sign the vot-  
9 er's certification not later than election day [SIGN AS ATTESTING  
10 WITNESS AND DATE HIS SIGNATURE]. The voter shall then return the  
11 absentee ballot to the [HIS] personal representative who shall deliver  
12 the ballot to the election official who provided the ballot. The  
13 absentee ballot must be returned to the election official [ WITHIN  
14 THREE DAYS FROM THE DATE IT IS OBTAINED BUT] not later than 8:00 p.m.  
15 on election day. [AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT IS NOT RETURNED TO THE  
16 ELECTION OFFICIAL BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE THIRD DAY FROM THE  
17 DAY IT IS OBTAINED MAY NOT BE COUNTED BUT THE VOTER MAY VOTE IN THE  
18 ELECTION.]

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

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

27 \* Sec. 12. AS 15.20.081(e) is amended to read:

28           (e) An absentee ballot must be marked [AND ATTESTED] on or  
29 before the date of the election. Except as provided in (h) of this

1 section, a [IF THE] voter who returns the ballot by mail [, HE] shall  
2 use a mail service at least equal to first class [THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS  
3 MAIL SERVICE] and mail the ballot not later than the day of the  
4 election to the election supervisor for the [IN HIS] election district  
5 in which the voter seeks to vote. The ballot may not be counted  
6 unless it is received by the close of business on the 10th day after  
7 the election. If the ballot is postmarked, it must be postmarked on  
8 or before election day. After the day of the election, no ballots  
9 shall be accepted unless received by mail.

10 \* Sec. 13. AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

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

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

26 \* Sec. 15. AS 15.20.201(c) is amended to read:

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

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

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

3 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-  
4 cate;

5 (2) an official or the witnesses authorized by law to  
6 attest the voter's certificate fail to execute the certificate;

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

9 (4)] the ballot is not attested on or before the date of  
10 the election; [OR]

11 (4) [(5)] the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on  
12 or before the date of the election; or [.]

13 (5) after the day of election, the ballot was delivered by  
14 a means other than mail.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-  
28 cate; or

29 (2) an official or the witnesses authorized by law to

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

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

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

5 (a) The application shall state in substance the basis of the  
6 belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct  
7 or election district for which the recount is to be held, the particu-  
8 lar office, proposition, or question for which the recount is to be  
9 held, and that the person making the application is a candidate or  
10 that the 10 persons making the application are qualified voters. The  
11 candidate or persons making the application shall designate by full  
12 name and mailing address two persons who shall represent the applicant  
13 and be present and assist during the recount. Any person may be named  
14 representative, including the candidate [HIMSELF] or any person sign-  
15 ing the application [, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PAID IN THE  
16 SAME AMOUNT AND MANNER AS ELECTION JUDGES]. Applications by 10 qual-  
17 ified voters shall also include the designation of one of the number  
18 as chair [CHAIRMAN]. The candidate or persons making the application  
19 shall sign the application and shall print or type their full name and  
20 mailing address.

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

22 Sec. 15.20.450. REQUIREMENT OF DEPOSIT. The application shall  
23 include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a  
24 surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$300  
25 [\$50] for each precinct, \$750 [\$250] for each election district, and  
26 \$10,000 [\$2,000] for the entire state. If [HOWEVER, IF] the recount  
27 includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the  
28 difference between the number of votes cast was 20 [10] or less or was  
29 less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two

1 candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for  
2 which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the  
3 number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 [10]  
4 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor  
5 of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit  
6 and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount,  
7 a candidate other than the candidate who received the original elec-  
8 tion certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is  
9 determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported  
10 by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in  
11 favor or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the  
12 application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire  
13 deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining  
14 after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

15 \* Sec. 22. AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 15.20.480. PROCEDURE FOR RECOUNT. In conducting the re-  
17 count, the director [OR HIS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE] shall review all  
18 ballots whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by comput-  
19 er or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot  
20 counting board to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were  
21 properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount,  
22 and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct  
23 certificate and the review. The director shall check the number of  
24 ballots and questioned ballots cast in a precinct against the regis-  
25 ters and shall check absentee ballots voted against absentee ballots  
26 distributed. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL COUNT ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED AF-  
27 TER 4:00 P.M. ON THE 15TH DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION AND BEFORE THE  
28 COMPLETION OF THE RECOUNT.] For administrative purposes, the director  
29 may join and include two or more applications in a single review and

1 count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of  
2 hand-marked ballots and the rules in AS 15.20.730 governing the count-  
3 ing of punch-card ballots shall be followed in the recount. The  
4 ballots and other election material shall remain in the custody of the  
5 director during the recount and the highest degree of care shall be  
6 exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation.  
7 The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The director may  
8 employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

9 \* Sec. 23. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to  
10 read:

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

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

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

21 \* Sec. 25. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 ARTICLE 6. VOTING BY MAIL.

23 Sec. 15.20.750. VOTING BY MAIL. (a) The director may conduct  
24 an election by mail if it is held at a time other than when the gen-  
25 eral, party primary, or municipal election is held.

26 (b) If the director conducts an election under (a) of this  
27 section by mail, the director shall send a ballot for each election  
28 described in (a) of this section to each person whose name appears on  
29 the official registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125 for that

1 election. The ballot shall be sent to the address stated on the  
2 official registration list unless the voter has notified the director  
3 or an election supervisor of a different address to which the ballot  
4 should be sent. The director shall send ballots by first class,  
5 nonforwardable mail.

6 (c) If the director conducts an election under (a) of this  
7 section by mail, the director shall mail ballots under this section on  
8 on or before the 22nd day before the election.

9 (d) The voter may cast the ballot under AS 15.20.081(d) - (e).

10 (e) The director shall review ballots voted under this section  
11 under procedures established for the review of absentee ballots under  
12 AS 15.20.201 and 15.20.203.

13 \* Sec. 26. AS 15.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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

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

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

29 (d) A person may not be a resident of two districts at the same

1 time.

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

7 (1) a person establishes residence within an election  
8 district

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

11 (B) by maintaining a habitation at the specific  
12 location;

13 (2) a person may maintain a place of residence at a specif-  
14 ic location within a district while away from the location for pur-  
15 poses of employment, education, military service, or vacation if the  
16 person does not establish residency at another location; and

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

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

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

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

29 Sec. 15.25.160. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR STATEWIDE

1 OFFICE. Petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of  
2 governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator and United States  
3 representative shall be signed by qualified voters of the state equal  
4 in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who  
5 cast ballots [VOTES CAST] in the preceding general election. Candi-  
6 dates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor shall file  
7 jointly.

8 \* Sec. 29. AS 15.25.170 is amended to read:

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

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

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

1 succeeding presidential election, and the name of the limited politi-  
2 cal party.

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

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

9 \* Sec. 32. AS 15.35.040 is amended to read:

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

15 \* Sec. 33. AS 15.35.055 is amended to read:

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

22 \* Sec. 34. AS 15.35.070 is amended to read:

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

28 \* Sec. 35. AS 15.35.110 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 15.35.110. FILING DECLARATION BY DISTRICT JUDGE. Each

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

5 \* Sec. 36. AS 15.40.100 is amended to read:

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

13 \* Sec. 37. AS 15.40.190 is amended to read:

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

21 \* Sec. 38. AS 15.40.280 is amended to read:

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

1 \* Sec. 39. AS 15.40.440 is amended to read:

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

12 \* Sec. 40. AS 15.58.010 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

26       (b) No later than July 15 of a year in which a [75 DAYS BEFORE  
27 THE] state general election will be held, a candidate for the office  
28 of United States senator, United States representative, governor,  
29 lieutenant governor, [JUSTICE OR JUDGE,] state senator, or state

1 representative may file with the lieutenant governor a photograph and  
2 a statement advocating the [HIS] candidacy.

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

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

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

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

12 \* Sec. 45. AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

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

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

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

28 \* Sec. 47. AS 43.23.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (i) The commissioner shall design the application form prepared

1 in conformity with (b) of this section so that an individual applying  
2 for a permanent fund dividend may register to vote, update an existing  
3 voter registration, and request the cancellation of a voter registra-  
4 tion in another state. The commissioner shall promptly provide the  
5 director of elections with the information obtained under this sub-  
6 section. The commissioner may not use information obtained under this  
7 subsection for any purpose except to assist a resident of the state to  
8 complete or update voter registration.

9 \* Sec. 48. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g); AS 15.20.201(d), 15.20.220(b); and  
10 AS 15.25.180(10) are repealed.

11 \* Sec. 49. Sections 1 - 24, 26 - 31, 36 - 42, 44 and 46 - 48 of this  
12 Act take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

13 \* Sec. 50. Sections 25, 32 - 35, 43 and 45 of this Act take effect  
14 January 1, 1987.