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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284 (Rules)
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15 WITHDRAWN UNDER THIS SECTION IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED UPON THE]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21 WITHDRAWN BY A CONVICTION].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 AS 15.07.160(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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 15.15.070(c) is amended to read:

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

20 * Sec. 6. AS 15.15.198(a) is amended to read:

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

26 * Sec. 7. AS 15.15.440 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.15.440. DATES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING STATE BALLOT
28 COUNTING REVIEW. The state ballot counting review shall begin no
29 later than 11 [EIGHT] days after the election and be continued daily

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

19 * Sec. 8. AS 15.20.071(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) The personal representative shall deliver the absentee
21 ballot to the voter as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of an absen-
22 tee ballot through a personal representative, the voter shall proceed
23 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small enve-
24 lope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to sign
25 the voter's certificate on [THE BACK OF] the envelope in the presence
26 of the personal representative who shall witness and date the signa-
27 ture of the voter. The voter must mark the ballot and sign the vot-
28 er's certification not later than election day [SIGN AS ATTESTING
29 WITNESS AND DATE HIS SIGNATURE]. The voter shall then return the

1 absentee ballot to the [HIS] personal representative who shall deliver
2 the ballot to the election official who provided the ballot. The
3 absentee ballot must be returned to the election official [WITHIN
4 THREE DAYS FROM THE DATE IT IS OBTAINED BUT] not later than 8:00 p.m.
5 on election day. [AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT IS NOT RETURNED TO THE
6 ELECTION OFFICIAL BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE THIRD DAY FROM THE
7 DAY IT IS OBTAINED MAY NOT BE COUNTED BUT THE VOTER MAY VOTE IN THE
8 ELECTION.]

9 * Sec. 9. AS 15.20.081(b) is amended to read:

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

17 * Sec. 10. AS 15.20.081(e) is amended to read:

18 (e) An absentee ballot must be marked [AND ATTESTED] on or
19 before the date of the election. Except as provided in (h) of this
20 section, a [IF THE] voter who returns the ballot by mail [, HE] shall
21 use a mail service at least equal to first class [THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS
22 MAIL SERVICE] and mail the ballot not later than the day of the elec-
23 tion to the election supervisor for the [IN HIS] election district in
24 which the voter seeks to vote. The ballot may not be counted unless
25 it is received by the close of business on the 10th day after the
26 election. If the ballot is postmarked, it must be postmarked on or
27 before election day. After the day of the election, no ballots shall
28 be accepted unless received by mail.

29 * Sec. 11. 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 15th day following the election.

6 * Sec. 12. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 Sec. 15.20.082. ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED
8 STATES. (a) The director shall prepare special absentee ballots
9 under this section for use in a state primary election, a state gener-
10 al election, and a state special election when the voter notifies the
11 director in writing that the voter expects to be living, working, or
12 traveling outside the United States at the time of the election. The
13 director shall prepare the ballot so that it may be sent to the absen-
14 tee voter 60 days before the date of the election. The director shall
15 list on the ballot the different races to be voted on at the particu-
16 lar election on a statewide basis and, if the director prepares the
17 ballot without the names of candidates printed on the ballot, the
18 director shall provide the voter with information described in (c) of
19 this section.

20 (b) A special state absentee ballot prepared for use under (a)
21 of this section shall contain each judicial retention election and
22 ballot proposition or question scheduled to appear on the particular
23 ballot.

24 (c) A special state absentee ballot prepared for the state
25 general election or for a state special election shall, if the names
26 of candidates are not yet certified, permit a voter to cast a ballot
27 for all the candidates of a particular political party that expects to
28 have candidates appear on the ballot; for this purpose, the director
29 shall prepare the ballot with party boxes and a blank line for each

1 office to be voted on in that election. The voter may vote for a
2 candidate for that office by writing in the name of a person and
3 marking the box to the right of that name or the voter may mark one of
4 the party boxes. If the voter puts a mark in a party box for that
5 office, the director shall count the mark as a vote cast for the
6 candidate for that office nominated by that party. If the voter
7 writes in a name for an office, the vote shall be counted as a write-
8 in vote for that office. The director shall count the ballots under
9 AS 15.15.360. The director shall provide the voter with the names of
10 each candidate appearing on the primary election ballot and the names
11 of any candidates who have qualified by petition to appear on the
12 general election ballot.

13 (d) The director shall prepare the regular absentee ballots as
14 soon as is reasonably possible and shall send the regular absentee
15 ballot to each person receiving a special absentee ballot under this
16 section. The director shall, if the regular absentee ballot is re-
17 ceived within the time required by law, count the regular absentee
18 ballot in preference to the special absentee ballot.

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

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

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

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

4 * Sec. 15. AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:

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

6 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-
7 cate;

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

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

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

14 (4) [(5)] the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on
15 or before the date of the election; or [.]

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

18 * Sec. 16. AS 15.20.203(g) is amended to read:

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

24 * Sec. 17. AS 15.20.205(c) is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 * Sec. 19. AS 15.20.440(a) is amended to read:

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

24 * Sec. 20. AS 15.20.450 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.20.450. REQUIREMENT OF DEPOSIT. The application shall
26 include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a
27 surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$300
28 [\$50] for each precinct, \$750 [\$250] for each election district, and
29 \$10,000 [\$2,000] for the entire state. If [HOWEVER, IF] the recount

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

18 * Sec. 21. AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 15.20.480. PROCEDURE FOR RECOUNT. In conducting the re-
20 count, the director [OR HIS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE] shall review all
21 ballots whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by comput-
22 er or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot
23 counting board to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were
24 properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount,
25 and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct
26 certificate and the review. The director shall check the number of
27 ballots and questioned ballots cast in a precinct against the regis-
28 ters and shall check absentee ballots voted against absentee ballots
29 distributed. The director shall count absentee ballots received after

1 4:00 p.m. on the 15th day following the election and before the com-
2 pletion of the recount. For administrative purposes, the director may
3 join and include two or more applications in a single review and count
4 of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of hand-
5 marked ballots and the rules in AS 15.20.730 governing the counting of
6 punch-card ballots shall be followed in the recount. The ballots and
7 other election material shall remain in the custody of the director
8 during the recount and the highest degree of care shall be exercised
9 to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. The recount
10 shall be completed within 10 days. The director may employ additional
11 personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

12 * Sec. 22. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 ARTICLE 6. VOTING BY MAIL.

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

17 (b) If the director conducts an election under (a) of this
18 section by mail, the director shall send a ballot for each election
19 described in (a) of this section to each person whose name appears on
20 the official registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125 for that
21 election. The ballot shall be sent to the address stated on the
22 official registration list unless the voter has notified the director
23 or an election supervisor of a different address to which the ballot
24 should be sent. The director shall send ballots by first class,
25 nonforwardable mail.

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

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

1 (e) The director shall review ballots voted under this section
2 under procedures established for the review of absentee ballots under
3 AS 15.20.201 and 15.20.203.

4 * Sec. 23. AS 15.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 Sec. 15.25.042. ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE. (a) If the direc-
6 tor receives a complaint regarding the eligibility of a candidate for
7 a particular office, the director shall determine eligibility under
8 regulations adopted by the director. The director shall determine the
9 eligibility of the candidate within 30 days of the receipt of the
10 complaint.

11 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the director
12 shall determine the eligibility of the candidate by a preponderance of
13 the evidence.

14 (c) If a candidate for the legislature has been registered to
15 vote at any time during the 12 months preceding the filing of the
16 declaration of candidacy in a district other than the district in
17 which the declaration of candidacy has been filed, the director may
18 not determine that a candidate is eligible except under a standard of
19 clear and convincing evidence.

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

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

27 (1) a person establishes residence within an election
28 district

29 (A) by actual physical presence at a specific location

1 within the district; and

2 (B) by maintaining a habitation at the specific loca-
3 tion;

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

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

10 * Sec. 24. AS 15.25.050(a) is amended to read:

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

19 * Sec. 25. AS 15.25.160 is amended to read:

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

28 * Sec. 26. AS 15.25.170 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 15.25.170. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR DISTRICT-WIDE

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

10 * Sec. 27. AS 15.30.025(a) is amended to read:

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

23 * Sec. 28. AS 15.30.025(c) is amended to read:

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

29 * Sec. 29. AS 15.35.040 is amended to read:

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

6 * Sec. 30. AS 15.35.055 is amended to read:

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

13 * Sec. 31. AS 15.35.070 is amended to read:

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

19 * Sec. 32. AS 15.35.110 is amended to read:

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

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

26 Sec. 15.40.100. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY CANDI-
27 DATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not representing a
28 political party shall be signed by qualified voters of the state equal
29 in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who

1 cast ballots [NUMBERS OF VOTES CAST] in the preceding general elec-
2 tion, and shall state in substance that which is required in petitions
3 for nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

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

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 15.40.440. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY CANDI-
23 DATES. Petitions for the nomination of candidates not representing a
24 political party shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to
25 at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who cast ballots
26 [VOTES CAST] in the proposed nominee's [HIS] respective election or
27 senate district in the preceding general election. A [, PROVIDED THAT
28 NO] nominating petition [NEED CONTAIN MORE THAN 200 SIGNATURES NOR]
29 may not [IT] contain less than 50 signatures for any district, and

1 shall state in substance that which is required in petitions for
2 nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

3 * Sec. 37. AS 15.58.010 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 15.58.010. ELECTION PAMPHLET. Before each state general
5 election, the lieutenant governor shall prepare, publish and mail at
6 least one [AN] election pamphlet to each household identified from the
7 official registration list [EVERY REGISTERED VOTER]. The pamphlet
8 shall be prepared on a regional basis as determined by the lieutenant
9 governor.

10 * Sec. 38. AS 15.58.030(a) is amended to read:

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

16 * Sec. 39. AS 15.58.030(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) No later than July 15 of a year in which a [75 DAYS BEFORE
18 THE] state general election will be held, a candidate for the office
19 of United States senator, United States representative, governor,
20 lieutenant governor, [JUSTICE OR JUDGE,] state senator, or state rep-
21 resentative may file with the lieutenant governor a photograph and a
22 statement advocating the [HIS] candidacy.

23 * Sec. 40. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

28 * Sec. 41. AS 15.58.040(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) No later than July 15 of a year in which a [75 DAYS BEFORE

1 THE] state general election will be held, a political party may file
2 with the lieutenant governor a maximum of two pages of material.

3 * Sec. 42. AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

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

13 * Sec. 43. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

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

19 * Sec. 44. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g); and AS 15.25.180(10) are repealed.

20 * Sec. 45. Sections 1 - 21, 23 - 28, 33 - 39, 41 and 43 - 44 of this
21 Act take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

22 * Sec. 46. Sections 22, 29 - 32, 40 and 42 of this Act take effect
23 January 1, 1987.