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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284 (Rules) am S  
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15 WITHDRAWN UNDER THIS SECTION IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED UPON THE]  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21 WITHDRAWN BY A CONVICTION].  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 AS 15.07.160(b) is repealed and reenacted to read: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 ten [SEVEN] days  
12 before the election for which the absentee ballot is sought. The  
13 absentee ballot application shall permit the person to register to  
14 vote under AS 15.07.070 and to request an absentee ballot for each  
15 state election held within that calendar year for which the voter is  
16 eligible to 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) Not later than the 15th [ON THE EIGHTH] day following the  
2 day of the election, the district absentee ballot counting board shall  
3 certify the absentee ballot review.

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

5 (d) Absentee ballots received in the office of an election  
6 supervisor after the completion of the district absentee ballot  
7 counting review [AFTER THE SEVENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE  
8 ELECTION] shall be forwarded immediately to the director by the most  
9 expeditious service.

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

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

12 (1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certifi-  
13 cate;

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

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

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

20 (4) [(5)] the ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on  
21 or before the date of the election; or [.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2           Sec. 15.20.450. REQUIREMENT OF DEPOSIT. The application shall  
3 include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a  
4 surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$300  
5 [\$50] for each precinct, \$750 [\$250] for each election district, and  
6 \$10,000 [\$2,000] for the entire state. If [HOWEVER, IF] the recount  
7 includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the  
8 difference between the number of votes cast was 20 [10] or less or was  
9 less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two  
10 candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for  
11 which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the  
12 number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 [10]  
13 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor  
14 of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit  
15 and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount,  
16 a candidate other than the candidate who received the original elec-  
17 tion certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is  
18 determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported  
19 by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in  
20 favor or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the  
21 application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire  
22 deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining  
23 after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

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

25           Sec. 15.20.480. PROCEDURE FOR RECOUNT. In conducting the re-  
26 count, the director [OR HIS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE] shall review all  
27 ballots whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by comput-  
28 er or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot  
29 counting board to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were

1 properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount,  
2 and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct  
3 certificate and the review. The director shall check the number of  
4 ballots and questioned ballots cast in a precinct against the regis-  
5 ters and shall check absentee ballots voted against absentee ballots  
6 distributed. The director shall count absentee ballots received after  
7 close of business [4:00 P.M.] on the 15th day following the election  
8 and before the completion of the recount. For administrative pur-  
9 poses, the director may join and include two or more applications in a  
10 single review and count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing  
11 the counting of hand-marked ballots and the rules in AS 15.20.730  
12 governing the counting of punch-card ballots shall be followed in the  
13 recount. The ballots and other election material shall remain in the  
14 custody of the director during the recount and the highest degree of  
15 care shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or  
16 mutilation. The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The  
17 director may employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the  
18 recount.

19 \* Sec. 23. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 **ARTICLE 6. VOTING BY MAIL.**

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

24 (b) If the director conducts an election under (a) of this  
25 section by mail, the director shall send a ballot for each election  
26 described in (a) of this section to each person whose name appears on  
27 the official registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125 for that  
28 election. The ballot shall be sent to the address stated on the  
29 official registration list unless the voter has notified the director

1 or an election supervisor of a different address to which the ballot  
2 should be sent. The director shall send ballots by first class,  
3 nonforwardable mail.

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

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

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

11 \* Sec. 24. AS 15.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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

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

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

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

29 Sec. 15.25.043. DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY OF A CANDIDATE. In

1 determining the residence within an election district of a qualified  
2 voter for the purposes of compliance with art. II, sec. 2 of the  
3 Alaska Constitution, the director shall apply the rules established in  
4 AS 15.05.020 together with the following rules:

5 (1) a person establishes residence within an election  
6 district

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

9 (B) by maintaining a habitation at the specific loca-  
10 tion;

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

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

17 \* Sec. 25. AS 15.25.050(a) is amended to read:

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

26 \* Sec. 26. AS 15.25.160 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.25.160. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES FOR STATEWIDE  
28 OFFICE. Petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of  
29 governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator and United States

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

6 \* Sec. 27. AS 15.25.170 is amended to read:

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

17 \* Sec. 28. AS 15.30.025(a) is amended to read:

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

1 \* Sec. 29. AS 15.30.025(c) is amended to read:

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

7 \* Sec. 30. AS 15.35.040 is amended to read:

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

13 \* Sec. 31. AS 15.35.055 is amended to read:

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

20 \* Sec. 32. AS 15.35.070 is amended to read:

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

26 \* Sec. 33. AS 15.35.110 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 15.35.110. FILING DECLARATION BY DISTRICT JUDGE. Each  
28 district judge seeking retention in office shall file with the direc-  
29 tor a declaration of candidacy for retention no later than August 1

1        before [NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE FIXED FOR] the general  
2        election at which approval or rejection is requisite.

3        \* Sec. 34. AS 15.40.100 is amended to read:

4                Sec. 15.40.100. 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 of the state equal  
7        in number to at least one [THREE] percent of the number of voters who  
8        cast ballots [NUMBERS OF VOTES CAST] in the preceding general elec-  
9        tion, and shall state in substance that which is required in petitions  
10       for nomination for general elections provided in AS 15.25.180.

11       \* Sec. 35. AS 15.40.190 is amended to read:

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

19       \* Sec. 36. AS 15.40.280 is amended to read:

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

28       \* Sec. 37. AS 15.40.440 is amended to read:

29                Sec. 15.40.440. REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR NO-PARTY

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

11 \* Sec. 38. AS 15.58.010 is amended to read:

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

18 \* Sec. 39. AS 15.58.030(a) is amended to read:

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

24 \* Sec. 40. AS 15.58.030(b) is amended to read:

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

1 statement advocating the [HIS] candidacy.

2 \* Sec. 41. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

7 \* Sec. 42. AS 15.58.040(a) is amended to read:

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

11 \* Sec. 43. AS 15.58.050 is amended to read:

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

21 \* Sec. 44. AS 15.60.010(20) is amended to read:

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

27 \* Sec. 45. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g); and AS 15.25.180(10) are repealed.

28 \* Sec. 46. Sections 1 - 22, 24 - 29, 34 - 40, 42 and 44 - 45 of this  
29 Act take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

1     \* Sec. 47. Sections 23, 30 - 33, 41 and 43 of this Act take effect  
2 January 1, 1987.