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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 402

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to military and overseas voters."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.07.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to
9 read:

10 (g) In preparing forms necessary to achieve the purposes of this
11 chapter, the director shall ensure that a form used by a voter to
12 apply for an absentee ballot also permits the person to register to
13 vote and the director may accept a single application from a person
14 that requests absentee ballots for each state election to be held that
15 year.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 15.20.082. ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED
18 STATES. (a) The director shall prepare special absentee ballots
19 under this section for use in a state primary election, a state
20 general election, and a state special election when the voter expects
21 to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States at the
22 time of the election and anticipates being unable to return the ballot
23 by air mail within the time otherwise required by this chapter. The
24 director shall prepare the ballot so that it may be sent to the absen-
25 tee voter 60 days before the date of the election.

26 (b) A special state absentee ballot prepared for use under (a)
27 of this section shall contain each ballot proposition or question
28 scheduled to appear on the particular ballot.

29 (c) A special state absentee ballot prepared for the state

1 general election or for a state special election shall, if the names
2 of candidates are not yet certified, permit a voter to cast a ballot
3 for all the candidates of a particular political party that expects to
4 have candidates appear on the ballot; for this purpose, the director
5 shall place the names of the candidates that have been certified in
6 columns by political party and permit the voter to cast a vote for the
7 identified and unidentified candidates of that party by marking a box
8 at the head of the column; if a mark is placed in the box at the head
9 of a column, a vote has been cast for each candidate actually nomin-
10 ated by that party on the ballot prepared for use in the district and
11 a vote cast for an individual candidate in another party may not be
12 counted. The ballot shall indicate that marking the box constitutes a
13 vote for each candidate of that party whose name appears on the offi-
14 cial ballot.

15 (d) Notwithstanding AS 15.25.070, a special absentee ballot
16 prepared for a state primary election that fails to list the name of
17 each candidate seeking nomination at the primary election shall permit
18 the absentee voter to write in the names of individual candidates and
19 the director shall count, in addition to votes cast for a candidate
20 whose name is printed on the special primary election ballot, the
21 names of individual candidates who are written in under this sub-
22 section.

23 (e) The director shall prepare the regular absentee ballots as
24 soon as is reasonably possible and shall send the regular absentee
25 ballot to each person receiving a special absentee ballot under this
26 section. The director shall, if the regular absentee ballot is re-
27 ceived within the time required by law, count the regular absentee
28 ballot in preference to the special absentee ballot.