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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 402 (State Affairs)
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 absentee voting."
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 * Section 1. AS 15.20.081(b) is amended to read:
9 (b) An application for an absentee ballot by mail must be post-
10 marked not [MORE THAN SIX MONTHS NOR] less than seven days before the
11 election for which the absentee ballot is sought. The application for
12 an absentee ballot shall permit the person to register to vote under
13 AS 15.07.070 and to request an absentee ballot for each state election
14 held that year in which the voter is eligible to vote.
15 * Sec. 2. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:
16 Sec. 15.20.082. ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED
17 STATES. (a) The director shall prepare special absentee ballots
18 under this section for use in a state primary election, a state
19 general election, and a state special election when the voter notifies
20 the director in writing that the voter expects to be living, working,
21 or traveling outside the United States at the time of the election.
22 The director shall prepare the ballot so that it may be sent to the
23 absentee voter 60 days before the date of the election. The director
24 shall list on the ballot the different races to be voted on at the
25 particular election on a statewide basis and, if the director prepares
26 the ballot without the names of candidates printed on the ballot, the
27 director shall provide the voter with information described in (c) of
28 this section.
29 (b) A special state absentee ballot prepared for use under (a)

1 of this section shall contain each judicial retention election and
2 ballot proposition or question scheduled to appear on the particular
3 ballot.

4 (c) A special state absentee ballot prepared for the state
5 general election or for a state special election shall, if the names
6 of candidates are not yet certified, permit a voter to cast a ballot
7 for all the candidates of a particular political party that expects to
8 have candidates appear on the ballot; for this purpose, the director
9 shall prepare the ballot with party boxes and a blank line for each
10 office to be voted on in that election. The voter may vote for a
11 candidate for that office by writing in the name of a person and
12 marking the box to the right of that name or the voter may mark one of
13 the party boxes. If the voter puts a mark in a party box for that
14 office, the director shall count the mark as a vote cast for the
15 candidate for that office nominated by that party. If the voter
16 writes in a name for an office, the vote shall be counted as a write-
17 in vote for that office. The director shall count the ballots under
18 AS 15.15.360. The director shall provide the voter with the names of
19 each candidate appearing on the primary election ballot and the names
20 of any candidates who have qualified by petition to appear on the
21 general election ballot.

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