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HOUSE BILL NO. 433

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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 eliminating the two-party bias in state law."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.07.100(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The director shall appoint one or more registration offi-
10 cials in each precinct. When more than one registration official is
11 appointed to serve in a precinct, each political party shall be repre-
12 sented. Each [HOWEVER, ANY PRECINCT CONTAINING MORE THAN 250 VOTERS
13 MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO REGISTRATION OFFICIALS, ONE FROM EACH POLITICAL
14 PARTY. THE] registration official shall be a qualified state voter
15 and shall take an oath to honestly, faithfully and promptly perform
16 the duties of the [HIS] office.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 15.13.020(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

18 (b) Each political party shall select a member of the
19 commission.

20 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13.020(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) The [FOUR] members selected under (b) of this section shall,
22 by a majority vote, appoint the remaining members [FIFTH MEMBER] of
23 the commission.

24 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.020(d) is amended to read:

25 (d) The [UPON SELECTION OF THE COMMISSION'S FIFTH MEMBER, THE
26 COMMISSION'S FOUR MEMBERS SELECTED UNDER (b) OF THIS SECTION SHALL
27 DRAW LOTS TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE SO THAT ONE
28 COMMISSION MEMBER SERVES ONE YEAR, ONE SERVES TWO YEARS, ONE SERVES
29 THREE YEARS AND ONE SERVES FOUR YEARS. HOWEVER, THE] terms of no two

1 commission members who are members of the same political party may
2 expire in consecutive years. The term [OF OFFICE OF THE FIFTH MEMBER,
3 APPOINTED UNDER (c) OF THIS SECTION, EXPIRES IN THE FIFTH YEAR.
4 TERMS] of office of a member of [THE INITIAL APPOINTEES TO] the
5 commission dates [, INCLUDING THE FIFTH MEMBER, SHALL DATE] from
6 February 1 before [THEIR] appointment. The [AFTER THE TERMS OF OFFICE
7 OF THE INITIAL APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION EXPIRE, THE] term of
8 office of a member of the commission is five years and [, OR] until a
9 [HIS] successor is appointed and qualifies. A [NO] commission member
10 may not serve more than one term. [HOWEVER, INITIAL APPOINTEES TO THE
11 COMMISSION WHO DO NOT SERVE A FULL FIVE-YEAR TERM AND A PERSON
12 APPOINTED TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF HIS PREDECESSOR MAY BE
13 APPOINTED TO A SUCCESSIVE FULL FIVE-YEAR TERM.]

14 * Sec. 5. AS 15.20.190(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Thirty days prior to the date of an election, the election
16 supervisors shall appoint, in the same manner provided for the
17 appointment of election judges prescribed in AS 15.10.150, district
18 absentee ballot counting boards and district questioned ballot count-
19 ing boards, each composed of four members, with at least one member
20 [TWO] from each political party. The district boards shall assist the
21 election supervisors in counting the absentee and questioned ballots
22 and shall receive the same compensation paid election judges under
23 AS 15.15.380.

24 * Sec. 6. AS 15.20.650 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 15.20.650. DELIVERY OF BALLOTS TO COMPUTER COUNTING CENTER.
26 The delivery of ballots from the precinct polling place to the desig-
27 nated computer counting center shall be made by a delivery team con-
28 sisting of one member [TWO MEMBERS] of the election board [, ONE] from
29 each [OF THE TWO MAJOR] political party [PARTIES] or by a licensed

1 security officer accompanied by at least one person designated by the
2 election board. The delivery team shall accompany the ballots from
3 the precinct polling place to the receiving board at the computer
4 counting center.

5 * Sec. 7. AS 24.20.020 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 24.20.020. MEMBERSHIP. The legislative council is com-
7 posed of the president of the senate and six other senators appointed
8 by the president [HIM,] and the speaker of the house of
9 representatives and six other representatives appointed by the speaker
10 [HIM]. The membership from each house shall include at least one
11 member from each [OF THE TWO MAJOR] political party [PARTIES]. The
12 appointing authority in each house shall make and announce the
13 appointment or reappointment of members of the council within 15 days
14 after the convening of the first regular session of each legislature.

15 * Sec. 8. AS 24.20.161 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 24.20.161. MEMBERSHIP. The Legislative Budget and Audit
17 Committee is composed of 10 members: the chairmen of the senate and
18 house finance committees; one member selected from each of the senate
19 and house finance committees and appointed by the president of the
20 senate and the speaker of the house, respectively; and three members
21 appointed from each house by the respective presiding officer. The
22 chairman of the finance committee may choose not to serve on the
23 committee. If this occurs, the presiding officer of the appropriate
24 house shall appoint a replacement from the finance committee. The
25 membership from each house shall include at least one member from each
26 [OF THE TWO MAJOR] political party [PARTIES]. The committee shall
27 select its own chairman.

28 * Sec. 9. AS 24.20.410 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 24.20.410. MEMBERSHIP. The Administrative Regulation

1 Review Committee is composed of three members of the house appointed
2 by the speaker of the house, and three members of the senate appointed
3 by the president of the senate. The membership from each house shall
4 include at least one member from each [OF THE TWO MAJOR] political
5 party [PARTIES]. The committee elects a chairman from among its
6 members.

7 * Sec. 10. AS 24.55.020(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A candidate for appointment as the ombudsman shall be
9 nominated by the ombudsman selection committee composed of three
10 members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate and
11 three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker
12 of the house. One member of each [THE] minority party [CAUCUS] in
13 each house shall be appointed to the selection committee.

14 * Sec. 11. AS 44.07.230 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 44.07.230. MEMBERSHIP. The committee is composed of eight
16 members: the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the
17 chairmen of the finance committees, the chairmen of the state affairs
18 committees, and one member appointed from each house by the respective
19 presiding officer. The membership from each house shall include at
20 least one member from each [OF THE TWO MAJOR] political party
21 [PARTIES]. The committee shall select its own chairman.