

Introduced: 2/17/86
Referred: State Affairs
Judiciary and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY CLOCKSIN

2

HOUSE BILL NO. 631

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 15.07.060(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Each applicant who requests registration or reregistration
11 shall supply the following information under oath:

12 (1) name [AND SEX];

13 (2) address and other necessary information establishing
14 residence if requested;

15 (3) [REPEALED BY SEC. 8 CH 100 SLA 1980.

16 (4)] term of residence in state and in election district;
17 and whether the applicant has previously been registered to vote in
18 another jurisdiction, and, if so, the jurisdiction and the address of
19 the previous registration;

20 (4) [(5)] a declaration that the registrant will be 18
21 years of age or older within 90 days of the date of registration;

22 (5) [(6)] a declaration that the registrant is a citizen of
23 the United States;

24 (6) [(7)] date of application;

25 (7) [(8)] signature or mark.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27 (e) The director shall prepare the forms used for voter regis-
28 tration so that a voter is advised that the information described in

29 (a) of this section is required for a registration and that

1 information required by AS 15.07.062 is permissive and the voter is
2 not required to furnish the permissive information.

3 * Sec. 3. AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 15.07.062. PERMISSIVE REGISTRATION INFORMATION. (a) Each
5 applicant who requests registration or reregistration may supply the
6 following information:

- 7 (1) the sex of the applicant;
8 (2) the date of birth of the applicant; or
9 (3) the social security number of the applicant.

10 (b) The director shall prepare the forms used for the registra-
11 tion of voters so that it is clear that the information requested by
12 (a) of this section is permissive and the voter need not provide it.

13 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, when [WHEN] a
15 registered voter has not reregistered or has not indicated in writing
16 a desire to remain registered as provided in this subsection within
17 the preceding two years or has not voted in a local, regional school
18 board, primary, special or general election at least once in two
19 consecutive calendar years, the voter shall be advised by mail sent to
20 the [HIS] last known address of the voter that the [HIS] registration
21 will be cancelled unless the voter [HE] indicates within 90 days on
22 forms furnished by the director a [HIS] desire to remain registered.

23 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (d) The director may not cancel the registration of a voter
25 under this section if the voter has qualified for the most recent
26 permanent fund dividend under AS 37.13.

27 * Sec. 6. AS 15.15.050 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 15.15.050. DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTION MATERIALS. The direc-
29 tor shall distribute an adequate supply of sample and official ballots

1 and all other materials, forms, and supplies required for the election
2 to the election supervisors for distribution to each chair [CHAIRMEN]
3 of an election board [BOARDS] in precincts not less than 30 [25] days
4 before the date for the election.

5 * Sec. 7. AS 15.15.198(a) is amended to read:

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

11 * Sec. 8. AS 15.20.081(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) After receipt of an application by mail, the director shall
13 send the absentee ballot and other absentee voting material to the
14 applicant by the most expeditious mail service. The material shall be
15 [SENT AS SOON AS THEY ARE] ready for distribution and sent on or
16 before the 30th day before the election. The return envelope sent
17 with the materials shall be addressed to the election supervisor in
18 the district in which the voter is a resident.

19 * Sec. 9. 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 rural educational attendance area school board and coastal resource
23 service area elections by mail.

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.

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

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

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

10 * Sec. 10. AS 15.25.055 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15.25.055. REMOVAL OF NAME FROM PRIMARY BALLOT. A candi-
12 date's name will appear on the primary election ballot unless the
13 notice of [HIS] withdrawal from the primary is received by the direc-
14 tor at least 54 [40] days before the date of the primary election.

15 * Sec. 11. AS 15.25.110 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 15.25.110. FILLING VACANCIES BY PARTY PETITION. If a
17 candidate nominated at the primary election dies, withdraws, resigns,
18 becomes disqualified from holding office for which [HE IS] nominated,
19 or is certified as being incapacitated in the manner prescribed by
20 this section after the primary election and 47 [40] days or more
21 before the general election, the vacancy may be filled by party peti-
22 tion. The central committee of any political party or any party
23 district committee may certify as being incapacitated any candidate
24 nominated by their respective party by presenting to the director a
25 sworn statement made by a panel of three licensed physicians, not more
26 than two of whom may [SHALL] be of the same political party, that the
27 candidate is physically or mentally incapacitated to an extent that
28 would [IN HIS JUDGMENT] prevent the candidate from active service
29 during the term of office if elected. The director shall place the

1 name of the person nominated by party petition on the general election
2 ballot. The name of a candidate disqualified under this section may
3 [SHALL] not appear on the general election ballot.

4 * Sec. 12. AS 43.23.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (i) The commissioner shall design the application form prepared
6 in conformity with (b) of this section so that an individual applying
7 for a permanent fund dividend may, by checking additional boxes,
8 register to vote, update an existing voter registration, and request
9 the cancellation of a voter registration in another state. The
10 commissioner shall promptly provide the director of elections with the
11 information obtained under this subsection. The commissioner may not
12 use information obtained under this subsection for any purpose except
13 to assist a resident of the state to complete or update voter
14 registration.

15 * Sec. 13. The lieutenant governor shall identify the funds necessary
16 to implement the provisions of P.L. 98-435, requiring access to polling
17 places for handicapped and elderly voters, in a report to the legislature
18 November 15, 1986.

19 * Sec. 14. Sections 1 - 5, 7, and 12 - 13 of this Act take effect
20 immediately.

21 * Sec. 15. Sections 6 and 8 - 11 of this Act take effect January 1,
22 1987.