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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 631 (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 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15 (3) [REPEALED  
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 registra-  
28 tion 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 15.15.198(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) If a voter's name does not appear on the official registra-  
29 tion list in the precinct in which the voter [HE] seeks to vote, the

1 election judge shall affirmatively advise the voter that the voter may  
2 cast a questioned ballot and the voter [HE] shall be allowed to vote a  
3 questioned ballot.

4 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 ARTICLE 6. VOTING BY MAIL.

6 Sec. 15.20.750. VOTING BY MAIL. (a) The director may conduct  
7 rural educational attendance area school board and coastal resource  
8 service area elections by mail.

9 (b) If the director conducts an election under (a) of this  
10 section by mail, the director shall send a ballot for each election  
11 described in (a) of this section to each person whose name appears on  
12 the official registration list prepared under AS 15.07.125 for that  
13 election. The ballot shall be sent to the address stated on the  
14 official registration list unless the voter has notified the director  
15 or an election supervisor of a different address to which the ballot  
16 should be sent.

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

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

21 (e) The director shall review ballots voted under this section  
22 under procedures established for the review of absentee ballots under  
23 AS 15.20.201 and 15.20.203.

24 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.25.055 is amended to read:

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

29 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.25.110 is amended to read:

1           Sec. 15.25.110. FILLING VACANCIES BY PARTY PETITION. If a  
2 candidate nominated at the primary election dies, withdraws, resigns,  
3 becomes disqualified from holding office for which [HE IS] nominated,  
4 or is certified as being incapacitated in the manner prescribed by  
5 this section after the primary election and 47 [40] days or more  
6 before the general election, the vacancy may be filled by party peti-  
7 tion. The central committee of any political party or any party  
8 district committee may certify as being incapacitated any candidate  
9 nominated by their respective party by presenting to the director a  
10 sworn statement made by a panel of three licensed physicians, not more  
11 than two of whom may [SHALL] be of the same political party, that the  
12 candidate is physically or mentally incapacitated to an extent that  
13 would [IN HIS JUDGMENT] prevent the candidate from active service  
14 during the term of office if elected. The director shall place the  
15 name of the person nominated by party petition on the general election  
16 ballot. The name of a candidate disqualified under this section may  
17 [SHALL] not appear on the general election ballot.

18 \* Sec. 10. AS 43.23.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19           (i) The commissioner shall design the application form prepared  
20 in conformity with (b) of this section so that an individual applying  
21 for a permanent fund dividend may register to vote, update an existing  
22 voter registration, and request the cancellation of a voter registra-  
23 tion in another state. The commissioner shall promptly provide the  
24 director of elections with the information obtained under this  
25 subsection. The commissioner may not use information obtained under  
26 this subsection for any purpose except to assist a resident of the  
27 state to complete or update voter registration.

28 \* Sec. 11. The lieutenant governor shall identify the funds necessary  
29 to implement the provisions of P.L. 98-435, requiring access to polling

1 places for handicapped and elderly voters, in a report to the legislature  
2 within the first 10 days of the First Session of the Fifteenth Alaska State  
3 Legislature.

4 \* Sec. 12. Sections 1 - 6 and 10 - 11 of this Act take effect immed-  
5 iately.

6 \* Sec. 13. Sections 7 - 9 of this Act take effect January 1, 1987.