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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 252 (Judiciary)
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 applications for absentee bal-
7 lots."

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

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

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

17 * Sec. 2. AS 15.20.071(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A qualified voter who is physically disabled, imprisoned, or
19 confined to an institution may vote by [APPLY FOR AN] absentee ballot
20 through a personal representative. A personal representative may
21 apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of a physically disabled voter
22 or a voter imprisoned or confined to an institution to the following
23 election officials at the times specified:

24 (1) to an absentee voting official in the election district
25 in which the voter resides on or after the 15th day before an election
26 up to and including the day of the election;

27 (2) to an election supervisor

28 (A) after a date announced by the director under
29 AS 15.20.048(b); and

1 (B) on or after the 15th day before an election up to
2 and including the date of the election;

3 (3) to an absentee voting official at an absentee voting
4 station designated under AS 15.20.045(b) at a time when the absentee
5 voting station is operating;

6 (4) to a member of the election board [CHAIRMAN OR HIS
7 DESIGNEE] on election day in the precinct in which the voter is enti-
8 tled to vote [EXCEPT THAT THE VOTER MAY NOT APPLY TO THE ELECTION
9 BOARD CHAIRMAN IN AN AREA IN WHICH ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
10 DESIGNATED].

11 * Sec. 3. AS 15.20.071(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) Upon receipt of a written application and exhibition of
13 proof of identification as required in AS 15.15.225 by the personal
14 representative, the election official authorized to issue the absentee
15 ballot shall provide the ballot and other absentee voting material to
16 the personal representative [IF THE WRITTEN APPLICATION IS SIGNED BY
17 THE APPLICANT AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER FROM A LICENSED PHYSICIAN
18 OR A STATEMENT SIGNED BY TWO QUALIFIED VOTERS STATING THAT THE APPLI-
19 CANT WILL BE UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLING PLACE BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL
20 DISABILITY].

21 * Sec. 4. AS 15.20.071(d) is amended to read:

22 (d) Each election official shall keep a record of the name and
23 signature of each personal representative requesting an absentee
24 ballot and the name of the person on whose behalf the ballot is re-
25 quested. The election official shall record the date [AND TIME] the
26 absentee ballot is provided and the date [TIME] the ballot is returned
27 to the election official.

28 * Sec. 5. AS 15.20.081(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) An application for an absentee ballot by mail must be

1 postmarked not more than six months nor less than 14 [SEVEN] days
2 before the election for which the absentee ballot is sought. The
3 application for an absentee ballot shall permit the person to register
4 to vote under AS 15.07.070 and to request an absentee ballot for each
5 state election held that year in which the voter is eligible to vote.
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