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HOUSE BILL NO. 226

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an incentive for municipalities to
7 conduct municipal elections at the same time as state
8 elections."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 15.10.105(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The lieutenant governor shall control and supervise the
12 division of elections. The lieutenant governor shall appoint a direc-
13 tor of elections. The director shall act for the lieutenant governor
14 in the supervision of central and regional election offices, the
15 employment and training of election personnel, and the administration
16 of all state elections as well as each local election that [THOSE
17 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WHICH] the state is required to conduct. The
18 director serves at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 15.10.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

20 (c) The director shall establish by regulation the date by which
21 a municipality must advise the director of its decision to have the
22 state conduct the municipal election and the date by which the munic-
23 ipality must provide the director with ballot information for the
24 municipal election. If a municipal governing body has adopted an
25 ordinance establishing the date of the state primary or general elec-
26 tion as the date of the municipal election and has otherwise complied
27 with this subsection, the director shall conduct the municipal elec-
28 tion under the provisions of this title and the state shall pay the
29 costs of administering the election.

1 * Sec. 3. AS 29.26.010 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 29.26.010. ADMINISTRATION. Except as provided in (b) of
3 this section, the [THE] governing body shall prescribe the rules for
4 conducting an election and shall appoint an election board composed of
5 at least three judges for each precinct. A judge shall be a voter of
6 the precinct for which appointed unless no voter is willing to serve.

7 * Sec. 4. AS 29.26.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (b) If the governing body meets the requirements of AS 15.10.-
9 105(c), the director of elections shall conduct the election, and the
10 state shall pay the costs of administering the election.