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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 378

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to voter qualification and registra-
tion for state elections; and relating to computation
of time for purposes of AS 15."

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

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* Section 1. AS 15.05.010 is amended to read:

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Sec. 15.05.010. VOTER QUALIFICATION GENERALLY. A person may

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vote at any election who

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(1) is a citizen of the United States;

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(2) is 18 years of age or older;

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(3) Repealed, sec. 38, ch. 116, SLA 1972;

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(4) has been a resident of the state [AND OF THE ELECTION

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DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PERSON SEEKS TO VOTE] for at least 30 days just

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before the election; [AND]

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(5) Repealed, sec. 1, ch. 15, SLA 1970;

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(6) has been a resident of the election district in which

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the person seeks to vote for at least 30 days just before the

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election; and

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(7) has registered before the election as required under

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AS 16.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

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* Sec. 2. AS 15.05.012 is amended to read:

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Sec. 15.05.012. VOTER QUALIFICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

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A person who is otherwise qualified under AS 15.05.010 but who has not

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been a resident of the state, or of the election district in which the

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person seeks to vote, for at least 30 days preceding the date of a

1 presidential election is entitled to register and vote for presiden-
2 tial and vice-presidential candidates.

3 * Sec. 3. AS 15.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 15.05.017. VOTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATEWIDE ELECTIONS. A
5 person who is qualified under AS 15.05.010(1) - (4) but who has not
6 registered under AS 15.07 at least 30 days before the date of a state-
7 wide primary, general, or special election may vote for statewide
8 candidates and ballot propositions if the person:

9 (1) registers and votes a questioned ballot at a polling
10 place on election day; or

11 (2) registers and votes by absentee ballot in person under
12 AS 15.20.061.

13 * Sec. 4. AS 15.07.070(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registra-
15 tion official at any time throughout the year. Except as provided in
16 AS 15.05.012, 15.05.014, and 15.05.017, [EXCEPT THAT] a person regis-
17 tering within the 30 days preceding an election may not vote at that
18 election. Upon receipt and approval of the registration forms, the
19 director or the election supervisor shall forward to the voter an
20 acknowledgment in the form of a registration card, and the voter's
21 name shall immediately be placed on the master register located in the
22 office of the director and on the district register located in the
23 office of the election supervisor. Names of persons registering 30 or
24 more days before an election shall be placed on the official registra-
25 tion list for that election.

26 * Sec. 5. AS 15.07.090(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) A voter whose [SHALL REREGISTER IF THE VOTER'S] registration
28 is cancelled for failure to vote in prior elections as provided in
29 AS 15.07.130 must reregister. Except as provided in AS 15.05.012 and

1 15.05.017, the [THE] reregistration may not be made later than 30 days
2 preceding an election.

3 * Sec. 6. AS 15.07.090(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The director shall transfer the registration of a voter from
5 one precinct to another within an election district when requested by
6 the voter. The request shall be made 30 or more days before the
7 election day. The director shall transfer the registration of a voter
8 from one election district to another when requested by the voter.
9 The request must be made 30 or more days before the election day and
10 the voter must reside in the new election district for at least 30
11 days in order to vote in that district's election.

12 * Sec. 7. AS 15.07.090(d) is amended to read:

13 (d) A person who claims to be a registered voter, but for whom
14 no evidence of registration in the precinct can be found, shall be
15 granted the right to vote in the same manner as that of a questioned
16 voter and the ballot shall be treated in the same manner. The ballot
17 shall be considered to be a "questioned ballot" and shall be so des-
18 ignated. The director or the director's representative shall deter-
19 mine whether the voter is registered in the election district before
20 counting the ballot. A voter who has failed to obtain a transfer as
21 provided in (c) of this section shall vote a "questioned ballot." [IN
22 THE PRECINCT IN WHICH THE VOTER RESIDES.]

23 * Sec. 8. AS 15.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 15.15.015. COMPUTATION OF TIME. Notwithstanding
25 AS 01.10.080, if the last day of a time period in which an act is
26 required to be done under this title falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or
27 holiday, the last day is extended to the first weekday following the
28 Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

29 * Sec. 9. AS 15.20.061 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (f) A person who claims to be a registered voter, but for whom
2 no evidence of registration in the precinct can be found, shall be
3 allowed to vote in the same manner as that of a questioned voter and
4 the ballot shall be treated in the same manner. The ballot shall be
5 considered to be a "questioned ballot" and shall be so designated.
6 The director or the director's representative shall determine whether
7 the voter is registered in the election district before counting the
8 ballot.