

HB

214

P.O. Box 652
Douglas, Alaska 99824
March 3, 1976

Representative Thelma Buchholdt
Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Buchholdt:

Enclosed please find a Position Paper for House Bill 214, of which you are the prime sponsor. We realize the bill has not been heard this Session, but wanted to be on record supporting the concept in case hearings are anticipated in the near future.

Please feel free to call on the League if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Janice Gates
LWV Lobbyist,
Election Laws & Procedures

Attachment

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Introduced: 2/26/75
Referred: State Affairs and
Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE BY BUCHHOLDT, MALONE AND PARKER

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 214

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to absentee voting."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 15.20.150 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.20.150. CASTING VOTE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR BY
10 MAIL. Upon receipt of an absentee ballot through a personal represen-
11 tative or by mail, the voter, whether in or outside the state, [in the
12 presence of two attesting witnesses, both of whom are at least 18 years
13 of age, or] before an election judge, notary public, commissioned officer
14 of the armed forces including the National Guard, district judge or
15 magistrate, United States postmaster, United States assistant post-
16 master, or other person qualified to administer oaths or, if none of
17 the above-listed options is reasonably available, in the presence of a
18 single attesting witness who is at least 18 years of age, may proceed
19 to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the small blank
20 envelope, to place the small envelope in the larger envelope, and to
21 sign the voter's certificate on the back of the larger envelope in the
22 presence of the above-listed official or described persons who shall
23 sign as attesting witnesses. The voter may then return the ballot
24 properly enclosed in the envelopes, by personal representative to the
25 election official who provided the ballot or by the most expeditious
26 mail service, postmarked not later than the day of the election, to
27 the election supervisor in his district.

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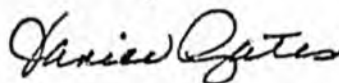
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALASKA
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POSITION PAPER

ON

HOUSE BILL 214

"An Act relating to absentee voting." By Buchholdt, Malone and Parker.

POSITION: Support.

JUSTIFICATION:

The League of Women Voters has long supported an electoral system which maximizes citizen participation. House Bill 214 liberalizes the absentee voting requirements, thus offering a realistic response to voting problems frequently encountered because of Alaska's inclement weather conditions and communications difficulties. The option of allowing a single witness of at least 18 years of age to verify an absentee ballot would appear to be a reasonable alternative to offer the Alaskan resident who is voting absentee, whether in or outside the State.

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*put on list
for next
week*

File 145214

Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives

**THELMA
BUCHHOLDT**

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March 10, 1976

Terry Gardiner:

Hello there! When will your committee consider my
HB 214, An Act relating to absentee voting"?

Enclosed is a support paper from the League of Women
Voters.

Please let me know when you plan to schedule the bill.

Thanks.

Thelma

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