

HOUSE
COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/22/86

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 5-10-86

The FINANCE Committee has considered CSSB 252 (Fin)
"An Act relating to applications for absentee ballots."

and recommends:

- do pass
- do not pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- no recommendation
- replace with HCS CSSB 252 (JUD) same title
- new title

and recommends do pass

further referral to the _____ Committee

- and attaches:
- letter of intent
 - first fiscal note
 - new fiscal note
 - zero fiscal note

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SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Chairman

STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: April 18, 1986

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HCSCSSB 252 (Jud)
 Title: An act relating to absentee
 ballot applications
 Sponsor: Rav. Kelly
 Requestor: House Judiciary
 Date of Request: April 17, 1986

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
 BRU: Division of Elections
 Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING | FY 86 | FY 87 | FY 88 | FY 89 | FY 90 | FY 91 |
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| PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| CONTRACTUAL | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| SUPPLIES | | | | | | |
| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

POSITIONS :

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| PART-TIME | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

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 Date: April 18, 1986

Approved by Commissioner: *Linda G. Smith*
 Agency: Office of the Governor

Date: April 18, 1986

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

Offered: 4/22/86
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Ray and Kelly

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."

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10 read:

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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].

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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:

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23 signature of each personal representative requesting an absentee
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27 to the election official.

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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
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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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Offered: 4/22/86
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Ray and Kelly

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Offered: 4/26/85
Referred: Rules

Original sponsors: Ray and Kelly

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 252 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
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Offered: 4/8/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Ray and Kelly

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 252 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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16 year.

Introduced: 3/22/85
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RAY AND KELLY

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SENATE BILL NO. 252

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to registration to vote and to applications for a ballot."

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

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* Sec. 2. AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 15.20.082. ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. (a) The director shall prepare special absentee ballots under this section for use in a state primary, state general election, and state special election where the voter expects to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States at the time of the election and unable to return the ballot by air mail within the time required by this chapter.

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(b) The director may not distribute an absentee ballot prepared under this section earlier than 60 days before the date of the election. The director shall identify on the ballot prepared under this section the candidates, offices, ballot issues, and ballot questions then expected by the director to be on the ballot. Except as provided

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1 in AS 15.25.070, a voter may use the ballot to write in the name of an
2 eligible candidate for each office and vote on the ballot issues and
3 questions appearing on the ballot.

4 (c) Notwithstanding AS 15.20.081(b), an application for a ballot
5 under this section may be postmarked more than six months before an
6 election but the application shall be postmarked during the year in
7 which the election will be held.