

HB

93

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

**RECAP OF
HB 93**

Voter Registration

Received January 20, 1989
by Reps. Boucher, Gruenberg, Donley and Goll

Heard February 9, 1989

Passed Out of Committee February 9, 1989
6 Do Pass

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February 7, 1989

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: January 20, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS: JUDICIARY
FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: _____

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee recommends that:

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

"An Act relating to voter registration."

[] be replaced with _____ [] the same title
[] a new title

[] have attached amendment(s)

do pass
 do not pass
 no recommendation
 individual recommendations
 additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):

[] fiscal impact
[] zero fiscal note
 zero with analysis Elections

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

[] fiscal note(s) published:

[] zero fiscal notes(s) published:

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

Joseph H. Douley
Walter H. ...
...
...
...
Gileen P. McKeon

W. C. Bush
Chairman's signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to voter
Registration
Sponsor: Boucher
Requestor: Boucher

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
BRU: Elections
Components: I - Elections

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Linda Edgeworth Phone: 465-4611
Division: Division of Elections Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: Division of Elections

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HB93
PUBLISH DATE: _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to voter registration
Sponsor: Boucher
Requestor: House State Affairs

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: Motor Vehicles
Component: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (Inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
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POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Since we are already registering voters at DMV field offices there will be no fiscal impact.

Handwritten: JAC 2/6/89

Prepared by: Bill Brown
Division: Motor Vehicles

Phone: 465-4335
Date: 02/07/89

Approved by Commissioner: Arthur English
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Date: 2-7-89

Item 3

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

POUCH Y STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811
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MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1989

SUBJECT: Sectional analysis - HB 93
TO: Representative Red Boucher
FROM: Michael F. Ford *M. F.*
Legislative Counsel

The following is a sectional analysis of HB 93:

Section 1 - Requires the director of the division of elections to provide voter registration forms to the Department of Public Safety for public distribution.

Section 2 - Requires the Department of Public Safety to advise certain people who are registering or licensing for driving purposes that they may also register to vote. Requires the department to use forms prepared by the division of elections and to prominently display notice of the right to register to vote.

MFF:gc
WKG6/095

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF HB 93

Prepared by
Division of Elections
February 7, 1989

The Division of Elections has reviewed House Bill 93 and supports its provisions. It should be pointed out that for many years, the Division has enjoyed a cooperative association with the Department of Public Safety through which, most motor vehicle registration outlets already provide voter registration services.

Among the most active outlets are Juneau, Haines, Sitka, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Nome, Fairbanks, Tok, Anchorage, Eagle River and Palmer. Barrow, Bethel and Kotzebue have also been encouraged to participate. The Anchorage motor vehicle offices are scheduled for another refresher training session which is conducted about once a year. The regional supervisors report that registrations submitted through motor vehicle offices have been timely, accurate and properly processed.

In general, the Division has received positive support from the motor vehicle offices currently providing voter registration services.

February 7, 1989
Date

Sandra Stout
Sandra J. Stout, Director

Number 131

Rep. Menard commented in support of HJR 12.

Number 157

Rep. Zawacki noted that his viewpoint was different regarding the setup of public corporations. He would like to see a separation of public corporations from the hands of bureaucracy, which would restrict the governor's political plays and ploys when it came to directors of public corporations.

Number 178

Rep. Donley spoke to the memorandums included in the bill packets. He pointed out the lists of the public corporations around the state. He likened the situation to Congress and their approval of cabinet members.

Number 208

Rep. Hanley asked for a definition of a public corporation.

Number 210

Rep. Donley noted that a definition was in the handouts included in the bill packets.

Number 223

Rep. Hanley asked if public corporations had access to state funding.

Number 227

Rep. Donley confirmed that public corporations may not be currently receiving state funds, but most, if not all, at one time or another, had received state funding.

Number 236

Rep. Hanley moved to pass HJR 12 out of committee with individual recommendations. There being no objection, HJR 12 passed out of committee; 4 DO PASS, 3 NO RECOMMENDATION.

Number 250

Rep. Boucher read HB 93.

Number 257

LINDA EDGEWORTH, Division of Elections, JUNEAU, spoke in support of HB 93. She reviewed the scope of HB 93, and noted that the division actually already implemented HB 93 in its intent, but not uniformly throughout the state. She said HB 93 provided for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices (where registrations and driver's licenses were issued) to also provide voter registration.

Number 277

Rep. Zawacki asked if the people of the Department of Motor Vehicles would be required to be registrars.

Number 282

Ms. Edgeworth replied that their employees go through a training program. The offices were actually recorded as official registrars of the state but not each individual at the DMV offices.

Number 297

Rep. Donley moved to pass HB 93 out of committee with individual recommendations. There being no objection, HB 93 passed out of committee; 6 DO PASS.

Number 312

Rep. Boucher read HB 87.

Number 322

ALISON ELGEE, Division of Budget Review, JUNEAU, spoke as a representative of the sponsor of HB 87. She said HB 87 would require the governor to develop a five year detailed plan of expenditures and revenues with revenue projections over a 20 year period.

Number 334

Rep. Donley asked about Page 2, Line 7, and how Ms. Edgeworth envisioned the planning process and deadlines to work if imposed by HB 87.

Number 341

Ms. Elgee answered that the governor would introduce the long-term plan along with the rest of the budget. She did not believe there was a provision in HB 87 for a timeline on resolutions. She said it was the governor's intent that the plan be reconsidered annually and revised.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 93 (Judiciary)

Page 1, following line 9:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Motor-Voter Act."

Page 1, line 10:

Delete "Section 1."

Insert "Sec. 2."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

6-0497E
Ford
2/28/89

Original sponsors: Boucher, Gruenberg,
Donley, and Goll

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a duty of the director of the
7 division of elections and to voter registration by
8 the Department of Public Safety."

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

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

12 (g) The director shall provide voter registration forms prepared
13 under (b) of this section to the Department of Public Safety for
14 distribution to the public under AS 28.05.045.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 28.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 28.05.045. VOTER REGISTRATION. A state resident, who will
17 be 18 years of age or older within 90 days, who applies in an office
18 of the division of motor vehicles for a driver's license, identifica-
19 tion card issued under AS 18.65.310, or vehicle registration under
20 AS 28.10 shall at the time of application be advised by the department
21 that the resident may also register to vote. The department shall
22 use a form for voter registration prepared by the division of elec-
23 tions and shall forward completed forms to the division of elections.
24 The department shall prominently display notice of the right to apply
25 for voter registration at each place that the public may apply for a
26 driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration.

6-0497H
Ford
2/28/89

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FURTHER REFERRALS: FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 2/28/89

The JUDICIARY Committee considered:

HL 93

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 [VOTER REGISTRATION/DRIVER'S LICENSES]
"An Act relating to voter registration."

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with CS HB 93 Judiciary the same title
- the attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the Finance Committee

ADOPTS: no letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) published:
- zero fiscal notes(s) published:
Elections

SIGNING DO PASS

Mike De

Bob Stewart

Terry Martin

Bill

Cly Davidson

Peter

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

Peter / Bob Stewart

Chairman's signature

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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February 7, 1989

The Honorable H. A. Boucher
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Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: HR 93
Voter Registration

Dear Representative Boucher:

A member of your staff called in reference to the subject legislation, and requested a statement of policy concerning the current procedure of registering voters in motor vehicles offices.

The Division of Elections has provided training to our field staff, and provides the offices with voter registration forms. When a person registers as a voter, the registration form is forwarded to the Division of Elections by motor vehicle personnel.

The Division of Motor Vehicles has signs posted in the field offices to advise people who come into our offices that they may register to vote.

Please let me know if any further information is available.

Sincerely,



Bill Brown
Chief of Driver Services

BB:bc