

HB

93

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER CSHB 93 (Jud)

SPONSOR Boucher

BILL TITLE Voter registration by Dept. Public Safety

DATE REFERRED 4-4-89

HEARING SCHEDULED 4-26-89

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED ✓

SPONSOR CONTACTED ✓ Marco Chad 4931

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Senate State Affairs Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate State Affairs Committee Members

FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot, Chairman

RE: April 26 Committee Memo

DATE: April 25, 1989

On Wednesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Beltz Room the Senate State Affairs Committee will hear the following bills:

SJR 46, Supporting the establishment of a Joint Commission on the Status of Alaska Natives by Congress

SJR 46 would support the establishment of a Joint Commission on the Status of Alaska Natives and commit the state to actively participate on the commission. The commission would be charged with conducting a comprehensive review of federal and state policies affecting Alaska Natives and the current health, social, and economic status of Alaska Natives.

The resolution that would establish the Commission is pending introduction in the U.S. Senate. The effort stems from the recently published AFN Report on the Status of Alaska Natives.

SSSB 72, An Act relating to registration and licensing of contractors; prohibiting the use of state money for certain residential work unless the work is performed by a licensed residential contractor

SB 72 would require that contractors who construct or alter privately-owned residential structures of one to four units have a residential endorsement on their license. To receive the endorsement, the contractor would need to pass a written or practical exam which tests competence in arctic construction techniques, and complete the Alaska Craftsman Home program or a postsecondary course in arctic engineering or its equivalent.

The Labor and Commerce C.S. clarified that the residential requirement would be an endorsement to the general contractor's license rather than a separate license, allowed participation in programs equivalent to the Alaska Craftsman Home program, and allowed the exemptions in current statute for small projects and owner-built projects.

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SB 157, An Act relating to imposition of a civil fine for violation of a statute, regulation, or ordinance related to alcoholic beverages

SB 157 would authorize the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to assess civil fines against liquor licensees who violate liquor laws. The fine would be in addition to license suspension or revocation, and would follow the suspension/revocation hearing required under current statute. The amount of the fine would be determined by the Board.

The bill would also provide the Board with program receipt authority. Fees and fines would be separately accounted for and could be appropriated by the legislature to fund the Board's operation.

SB 192, An Act relating to legislators' eligibility for long-term per diem

SB 192, which would limit eligibility for long term per diem during the interim to days spent attending meetings of a legislative committee or subcommittee, was heard by the State Affairs Committee on April 10. No action was taken pending action by the Legislative Council on a revised per diem policy.

The Council policy, adopted April 24, is attached. It provides that to qualify for interim per diem a legislator must attend a meeting for a legislative or public purpose, or spend at least four hours of that day on legislative and constituent business.

Also attached is a fiscal note for SB 192, indicating savings of \$161,700. Fiscal impact of the new Council policy has not yet been determined.

CSHB 93(Jud), An Act relating to a duty of the director of the division of elections and to voter registration by the Department of Public Safety

HB 93 would require that the Division of Elections provide voter registration forms to the Division of Motor Vehicles, and that DMV advise persons registering their vehicles or applying for drivers' licenses that they may also register to vote.

According to the Division of Elections, most motor vehicle registration outlets currently provide voter registration services. Elections provides training to DMV personnel; DMV forwards completed voter registration forms to Elections.

In addition, SJR 38, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators, will be before the committee. Due to time constraints, the bill was not heard on April 24 as scheduled.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

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.

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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

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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 J. Stout
Sandra J. Stout, Director

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1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
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FULL-TIME						
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TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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

Prepared by: Bill Brown
Division: Motor Vehicles

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Date: 02/07/89

Approved by Commissioner: A. H. English
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Date: 2-7-89

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February 7, 1989

The Honorable H. A. Boucher
Chairman, House State Affairs
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
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Re: HB 93
Voter Registration

Dear Representative Boucher:

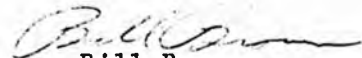
A member of your staff called in reference to the subject legislation, and requested a statement of policy concerning the current procedure of registering voters in motor vehicles offices.

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

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we'll schedule
in couple of weeks
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DATE: April 4, 1989
TO: PAT
fr: jl

RE: HB 93 - Voter Registration/DMV (Boucher)

Currently, most motor vehicle registration offices provide voter registration services. (The practice is optional, and in the past has been determined by the Commissioner.) This bill places the procedure in statute.

The bill requires:

- (1) the Director of Elections to provide voter registration forms to the Department of Public Safety;
- (2) the DMV to advise an eligible applicant that he/she may also register to vote at the same time as applying for a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration;
- (3) the DMV to forward completed forms to the Division of Elections; and
- (4) the DMV to prominently display notice of the right to apply for voter registration at each location where a person may apply for a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration.

The House Judiciary CS tightened up the title; added a new Section 1 designating the Act as the "Motor-Voter" Act; and made stylistic changes in the first sentence of Section 3.

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The Division of Elections supports the bill and has submitted a zero fiscal note. ~~There is no position paper or fiscal note from the Department of Public Safety.~~

Concerns were expressed during the House Judiciary hearing that the current wording could be interpreted to require that DMV personnel would have to give oral information and instructions in addition to providing forms, etc., which could result in long lines, particularly in Anchorage. The Committee realized that the wording was open to interpretation, but decided not to change it, because they didn't think it was that big a problem.

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Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher

TO: STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: H.A. "RED" BOUCHER
DATE: MAY 13, 1987
RE: HB 308 AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION

The major feature of the "motor voter" bill is to provide additional means for people to register to vote, update their existing registration, or cancel a registration in another state -- while they are applying for a driver's license. Motor Voter legislation has been adopted in Arizona (1983), Colorado (1985) and Michigan (1975) with an increase of 16% to the registered rolls.

The procedure for registering would not consume much time (less than 2% in Arizona) or place an excessive burden on Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) personnel. Both Division of Elections and DMV require the same information. DMV personnel would post signs, help with the forms, and forward the forms to the Division of Elections for verification.

Currently in Alaska, voter registration forms are available in some DMV offices, but not in Anchorage or Fairbanks. Where the forms are available, DMV does not assist in filling out the forms nor does it forward the forms to Division of Elections. Approximately 60% of Alaskans are registered to vote, although Division of Elections has no firm numbers on this.

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HB 93 VOTER REGISTRATION BY DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY

TO TESTIFY

REP. BOUCHER, SPONSOR (CHAD)

LINDA EDGEWORTH, DIV. ELECTIONS

SOMEBODY FROM DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY

F.Y.I.

EVERYONE I TALK TO SAYS THE BILL MERELY PUTS INTO STATUTE WHAT'S ALREADY GOING ON. RED HAS HAD THE BILL IN FOR A FEW YEARS -- THE OLD RECORDS INDICATE THAT WHEN HE FIRST INTRODUCED IT VOTER REGISTRATION AT D.M.V. OFFICES WAS NOT SO WIDESPREAD. NOW THERE ARE JUST A FEW OFFICES NOT DOING VOTER REGISTRATION -- THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDER HB 93.

GOAL: INCREASE VOTER REGISTRATION. RED SAYS ARIZONA, COLORADO, AND MICHIGAN HAVE "MOTOR VOTER" LAWS -- 16% INCREASE IN VOTER REGISTRATION SINCE THEIR ENACTMENT.

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Senate State Affairs Committee

May 11, 1989

Boyd Keeling
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Dear Boyd:

I received your message objecting to HB 93, which would require the state Division of Motor Vehicles to advise persons registering their vehicles or applying for drivers' licenses that they may also register to vote. Voter registration forms would be available at the DMV offices.

HB 93 received final approval prior to adjournment earlier this week, and now goes to the Governor for signature into law. I see the bill primarily as a convenience for the general public, and voted for its passage. The bill doesn't require that people register to vote in order to get their driver's license or vehicle registration, but simply makes the voter registration forms available. Most motor vehicle registration outlets currently provide voter registration services under a cooperative agreement with the state Division of Elections; HB 93 would formalize the current arrangement.

Boyd, thanks again for sharing your views. Voting is a fundamental right and I believe that government has an obligation to provide easy access to voter registration. HB 93 helps achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat", written over a large, light-colored scribble.

Senator Pat Pourchot
Chairman

PP/ss