

SB362

(11)

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred: March 16, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/19/92

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSB 362(STA)(title am)

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 362 (STA)(title am) VOTER REGISTR'N WITH DIVIDEND APPLICATION

"An Act requiring the inclusion of voter registration forms with permanent fund dividend applications; and providing for an effective date."

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title  a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Senate State Affairs Comm,

ADOPTS: CSSB 362 (STA) letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) Gov 2/26/92

zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) DOR 2/26/92

SIGNING <u>DO PASS</u>	DP	<u>OTHER</u> RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<u>Mark Boyer</u> Boyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<u>Tan Brown</u> Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<u>Thomas Koponen</u> Koponen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<u>Ben Sharp</u> Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<u>Bill Phillips</u> Phillips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<u>Ronald J. Hanson</u> Hanson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

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Senate State Affairs Committee

### LETTER OF INTENT

CSSB-362 (STA)

Providing voter registration forms  
with permanent fund dividend applications

Legislators are eager to encourage voter registration and find the availability of the dividend application to be one of the best methods to promote voter registration. At the same time, the legislature is concerned that Alaskans not confuse registering to vote with filing their dividend application, or the reverse, or assume that one is dependant upon the other. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Revenue and the Division of Elections make every reasonable effort to minimize any confusion.

It is further the intent of the legislature that the Department of Revenue and the Division of Elections report to the legislature as to the success or failure of distributing voter registration forms with permanent fund dividend applications after the plan has been in effect for at least two years.

The legislature, while desiring to promote voter registration, does not wish to encourage the inclusion of other state forms with the dividend application.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 362

Revision Date: 02/22/92  
Title: An Act Pertaining to Qualifications for  
Permanent Fund Dividends  
Sponsor: Senator Craft  
Requestor: Senate Finance Committee

Department Affected: Office of the Governor-Elections  
BRU: Division of Elections  
Component: 1 Elections Operations

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This figure reflects the costs of preparing a two page voter registration insertion for the 1993 and subsequent years' Permanent Fund Dividend Application booklets. The voter registration form will be color distinct from the Permanent Fund Dividend application form and will be clearly defined as a voter registration form only. Forms will be designed so that when folded the voter can seal the form and place a stamp on it and mail it back to the Division of Elections.

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Division: Elections

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Date: 02/22/92

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: Office of the Governor

Date: 02/22/92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., & Impacted Agency(ies).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 362 (SA)

Revision Date: February 24, 1992  
Title: An Act relating to qualifica-  
tions for permanent fund dividends  
Sponsor: Craft  
Requestor: Senate Finance

Agency Affected: Revenue  
BRU: Permanent Fund Dividend Division  
Components: Permanent Fund Dividend  
Division  
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 9 8 1

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LANDS & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None.

ANALYSIS: See attached.

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Division: Permanent Fund Dividend Division Date: February 24, 1992

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: [Signature]  
Agency: Revenue

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND DIVISION  
CSSB 362 (SA) ANALYSIS  
 As of February 24, 1992

This fiscal note is based on the following assumptions.

1. The intent of this legislation is to have the Department of Revenue provide a voter's registration form in each application booklet or to make them available at the Dividend Information Offices.
2. The Division of Elections will prepare a two page insertion for the 1993 and subsequent year Permanent Fund Dividend application booklets that would have two preaddressed postcard registration forms. The insertion will be a color distinct from the Permanent Fund Dividend application form.
3. The postcard form will clearly instruct registrants to mail the forms directly to the Division of Elections. Consequently, the vast majority of registrants will return their registration form to the Division of Elections instead of returning it to the Department of Revenue with their permanent fund dividend applications.
4. The cost of printing voter registration forms, inserting two additional pages in the application booklet and transferring voter registration forms to and from the Department of Revenue will be born by the Division of Elections, not the Department of Revenue. The Division of Elections will enter into a \$16,000 Reimbursable Services Agreement with the Department of Revenue to provide funding for two pages to be inserted in the dividend booklet.

Contractual Services

Post Office Distribution	285,000
Out of State, Community and Dividend Information Office Distribution	<u>45,000</u>
<b>Total Booklets</b>	<b><u>330,000</u></b>

2 additional pages	\$16.0
Additional postage	<u>-0-</u>

<u>Total Contractual Services</u>	<u>\$16.0</u>
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5. Because of the uniqueness of voter registrations, the Department does not object to the enclosure of this form in the Permanent Fund Dividend booklet. However, the Department would oppose the enclosure of any other non-Permanent Fund Dividend related forms.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 362 (STATE AFFAIRS)(title am)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 3/3/92  
Offered: 2/12/92

Sponsor(s): SENATOR CRAFT

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring the inclusion of voter registration forms with permanent fund dividend  
2 applications; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5           Sec. 43.23.016. VOTER REGISTRATION. The commissioner shall include voter  
6 registration forms prepared under AS 15.07.070(b) with permanent fund dividend applications.

7 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1993.

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## Shirley Craft

*Alaska State Senator*

To: Representative Mike Navarre  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

From: Senator Shirley Craft *Shirley*

Date: March 19, 1992

Re: CS SB 362 (STA) (Title Am); an act requiring the inclusion of voter registration forms with permanent fund dividend applications; and providing an effective date.

I would appreciate your committee's prompt hearing of SB 362. Effectively, all this bill does is to stipulate that the Department of Revenue will enclose within the Permanent Fund Dividend Applications voter registration forms.

The purpose of this legislation is extremely simple. The number of Alaskans registered to vote in the 1990 election was 300,569. This number has dropped to 287,569 as of January 2, 1992. The Permanent Fund Dividend Division received 359,450 adult applications for a dividend by the end of 1991. With over a 71,000 person difference between those eligible to vote and those who are currently registered, I think it is necessary that we take some type of action. While it might be a concern with some members of the House State Affairs Committee that the application be kept as pure as possible, I believe that the state should be willing to go to any length to place before the people a chance to register to vote. Considering the requirements to receive a permanent fund check are more stringent than those to register to vote, I think it is only natural that voter registration forms be included within the applications.

The bill has a fiscal note of \$16,000 from the Division of Elections. These costs are associated with placing two voter registration forms in the application packets sent to households.

Please do not hesitate in contacting Tom Brice of my staff at X3834 if you have any questions.

Thank you

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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February 5, 1992

Senator Shirley Craft  
P.O. Box V  
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Dear Senator Craft:

The Division of Elections would like to express our support of Senate Bill 362, "An act relating to permanent fund dividend applications; and providing for an effective date."

The inclusion of a voter registration form in the Permanent Fund Dividend application will provide Alaskans with an opportunity to easily access the voter registration process. It will help those wishing to register for the first time, those who have moved and need to inform the Division of their change in address, and it will remind all Alaskans of their commitment to vote.

We have worked with the Permanent Fund Division on various projects and have formed a good working relationship. As recently as early January we spoke with Tom Williams, Director of the Permanent Fund Dividend Division and considered the possibility of including a voter registration form with the 1992 Permanent Fund applications.

Unfortunately, due to fiscal constraints resulting from Reapportionment costs for which we have not been reimbursed, we can not implement a program of this nature before 1994. While we are excited about this legislation and look forward to working with the Permanent Fund Dividend Division, the only way we can implement this program by January 1, 1993 is if there are funds appropriated with the bill to account for the costs.

Senator Craft, the Division of Elections supports your efforts to include voter registration forms in the Permanent Fund Dividend Application. If you have further questions, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Charlot E. Thichstun  
Director



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February 5, 1992

Senator Shirley Craft  
P.O. Box V  
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Dear ~~Senator Craft~~: *Shirley*

I would like to express my support for SB 362, "An act relating to permanent fund dividend applications; and providing for an effective date."

I have always been a strong advocate for encouraging Alaskans to exercise their right to vote, and I regard this legislation as a significant attempt at increasing voter registration and awareness.

While I support your legislation, I have one concern. It is extremely important to me that Alaskans do not have the impression that receipt of the Permanent Fund Dividend is contingent on one's voter registration. It is my belief that registering to vote is a right and a privilege. I know that is not your intent Senator, but I feel I should let you know my position. I am sure the necessary steps can be taken to prevent any misunderstandings on the part of Dividend application recipients.

Additionally, I would suggest that the Legislature appropriate the necessary funds to make this project a reality for the January 1, 1993 effective date. In the years that follow the Division of Elections will be able to budget for this project, but in order to meet this effective date they will have to rely on a legislative appropriation. I wholeheartedly endorse the investment in increasing access to voter registration, and encourage the Legislature to fund this project.

Senator Craft, I hope that your colleagues in the Legislature will join me in enthusiastically supporting this endeavor.

Sincerely,

John B. "Jack" Coghill  
Lieutenant Governor



# Democratic Party of Alaska

February 6, 1992

Sen. Shirley Craft  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Sen. Craft:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Democratic Party to express our support for SB 362 on adding a voter registration form to the permanent fund dividend application.

The Democratic Party has always supported and encouraged any means by which voter participation is increased. The ease with which the public is able to register to vote will increase voter turnout and when people vote they are more interested in what is going on in government. Public participation at all levels of government is what makes a democracy work.

Sen. Craft, please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to promote this legislation.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Roberts  
State Chair

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