

HB

463

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 463

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act Requiring the Department
of H&SS to provide voter registration info.

Department Affected: Health & Social Services
SRU: Public Assistance Administration
Component: Eligibility Determination

Sponsor: B. Davis

Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	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	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	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 FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	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:

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) Distribution and processing voter registration forms in Division of Public Assistance offices will have a workload impact. It increases administrative complexity by adding an additional process and responsibility of unrelated work. Time required would impinge on an already excessive workload. This is a group that currently work overtime and has a backlog of applications and cases; adding the voter registration work results in either lower public assistance services or higher wait times.

Prepared by: Jan L. Hansen, Director Phone: 465-3347
 Division: Public Assistance Date: 4/24/92
 Approved by Commissioner: Theodore A. Mala, MD/MPH
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services Date: 4/24/92

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M E M O R A N D U M

**TO: REPRESENTATIVE GENE KUBINA
CHAIR STATE AFFAIRS**

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE BETTYE DAVIS *BD*

RE: HB 463

DATE: APRIL 14, 1992

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I respectfully request that HB 463, a bill, "requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide voter registration information to a person seeking public assistance," be scheduled for hearing before the House State Affairs Committee, at your earliest convenience. I have attached for your review a copy of HB 463 and a sponsor statement.

Your prompt response is appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or Caren Robinson of my staff, at X3875.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

4-24-92

Rules

(7)
Date Referred: April 16, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/24/92

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 463

HOUSE BILL NO. 463

VOTER REGISTRATION/PUBLIC ASST. APPLICANT

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide voter registration information to a person seeking public assistance."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CSH0463 (S-A)

[] the same title
[x] a new title

[] have attached amendment(s)

[x] do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendations

[] individual recommendations

[] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dnp)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dnp/Dnr)

[] fiscal impact _____

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[x] zero fiscal note State Affairs/Dept of DHS

[x] zero fiscal note(s) Gov 4/16/92

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Eugene J. Kubisa</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Tom Miller</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>David ...</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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Eugene J. Kubisa
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

CALL NO. 18-163

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Dept. of Health and Social Serv.
 Title: Voter registration/public asst. applicant BRU: _____
 Component: _____

Sponsor: Rep. R. Davis
 Requestor: House State Affairs Committee 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						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE						
FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS: N/A

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: George Craig, House Affairs Committee Phone: 445-1810
 Division: _____ Date: 1/24/92
 Approved by Commissioner: Barbara Harris Date: 1/24/92
 Agency: House State Affairs Committee Date: 1/24/92

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

STATE OF ALASKA
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March 16, 1992

Representative Bettye Davis
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Davis:

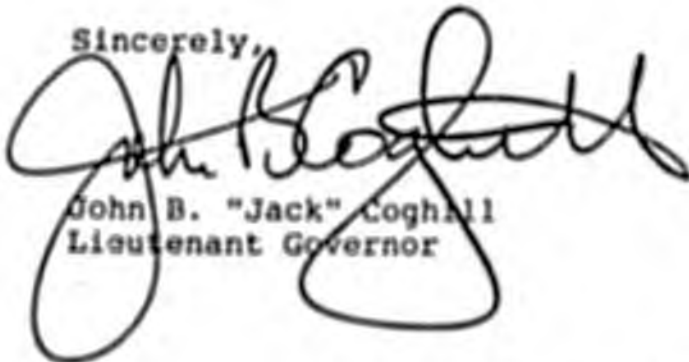
I would like to express my support of House Bill 463, " An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide voter registration information to a person seeking public assistance."

The premise from which this legislation is based is innovative, but grounded in the basic principle that everyone should exercise their right to vote. I believe that every Alaskan deserves an opportunity to access the voter registration process. Any way we can help take the process to the people is a positive step towards encouraging all Alaskans to take pride in themselves and voice their opinions at the ballot box.

I understand that your proposal is similar to the Motor Voter concept where Alaskans can obtain voter registration forms at the Department of Motor Vehicles. I have supported this program and I support your legislation which would reach yet another group of Alaskans; those who presently need to apply for services administered through the Department of Health and Social Services and may not own a car or who otherwise might not realize how easy it is to register to vote.

Representative Davis, I hope your colleagues in the Legislature will join me in enthusiastically supporting your endeavor. If you have any further questions, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



John B. "Jack" Coghill
Lieutenant Governor

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March 16, 1992

Representative Bettye Davis
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Dear Representative Davis:

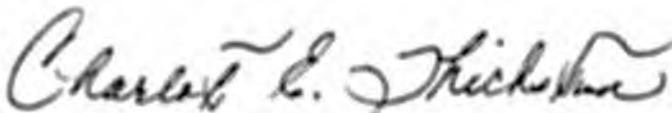
The Division of Elections would like to express its support of House Bill 463, " An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide voter registration information to a person seeking public assistance."

It is encouraging to see the consideration given this innovative concept. This legislation, when passed, would enable those Alaskans who for one reason or another might not have the opportunity to access the voter registration process.

While similar to the Motor Voter concept where Alaskans can obtain voter registration forms at the Department of Motor Vehicles, this legislation would reach yet another group of Alaskans; a group whose members may not own a car or who otherwise may not have realized how easy it is to register to vote.

Representative Davis, the Division of Elections supports your efforts to have voter registration forms available to state residents who apply to the Department of Health and Social Services for general relief, Medicaid, aid to families with dependent children, adult public assistance, or food stamps. If you have any further questions, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Charlot E. Thickstun
Director

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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4/15/92

TO: Representative Gene Kubina, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Georgianna Lincoln, Co-Chair
Representative Patrick Carney, Co-Chair
House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

RE: HB 463: "An Act requiring the Department of Health and
Social Services to provide voter registration
information to a person seeking public
assistance."

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The House HESS committee has considered and passed from committee HB 463 with a zero note from the Div. of Elections. The Dept. of Health and Social Services provided the committee with a fiscal note for \$1,800 which the committee felt inappropriate. DHSS has been asked by the committee to draft a zero fiscal note for the next committee of referral.

Handwritten signature of Georgianna Lincoln.

Rep. Georgianna Lincoln
Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Patrick Carney.

Rep. Patrick Carney
Co-Chair



FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: HB 463

(H) Publish Date: 4-16-92

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
 Title: AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION. BRU: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
 Component: ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
 Sponsor: B. DAVIS

Requestor: _____ 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	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	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	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

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	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

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: No FY92 Impact

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
 ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION STAFF WILL REGISTER 10 PERCENT OF THE 35,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATE IN IN-OFFICE ELIGIBILITY INTERVIEWS EACH YEAR.

Prepared By: Jan L. Hansen, Director Phone: 465-3317

Division: Division of Public Assistance Date: APRIL 10, 1992

Approved by Commissioner: Theodore A. Hala MD, MPH

Agency: Health and Social Services Date: April 10, 1992

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 462

Revision Dates: _____
Title: An Act Relating To The Dept. of Health and Social Services To Provide Voting Registration Information...
Author: Representative J. Davis
Committee: Public Health and Social Services Committee

Department Affected: Office of the Governor-Elections
EPA: Statistical Services
Comments: Municipal and General Elections

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	97	96	95	94	97	96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	97	96	95	94	97	96
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

REVENUE FUND SOURCES:

REVENUE FUND SOURCES	97	96	95	94	97	96
REVENUE FUND SOURCES	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

FUNDING	97	96	95	94	97	96
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

POSITIONS	97	96	95	94	97	96
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 (1992): 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
While there will be additional funds available as a result of this legislation and those employees in the applicable departments in health and social services will receive a 1/2 hour training by the Division of Elections, we feel there will be no real additional costs as this is simply an extension of voter outreach services.

Prepared by: LEIGH A. DEWARD, FISCAL-SPECIALIST Date: 4/10/92
 Approved by: Office of the Director Date: 4/10/92

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S P O N S O R S T A T E M E N T

I appreciate the committee members hearing HB 463.

HB 463, "requires the Department of Health and Social Services to provide voter registration information to a person seeking public assistance."

According to U.S. Census eighty-six percent of all Americans who are registered to vote voted in the 1988 election, but more than 70 million eligible Americans are not registered.

Alaska voter registration laws are found in the election code (AS 15.07). These provisions provide for mail-in registration. Also, they authorize a form of "motor-voter" registration, but there is no other agency-based registration program. All employees of the division of motor vehicles who work at the windows issuing driver's licenses are also deputized registrars of the division of elections. There are signs in the building notifying applicants for driver's licenses that they may also register to vote on the premises.

HB 463 set up a similar program at the Department of Health and Social Services. Studies show that all citizens gain from the increased opportunities to register when a variety of agencies have this service. In some states, people may register at libraries when they apply for deer hunting licenses, or complete medical assistance forms. Proportionately, however, low-income citizens have the most to gain from agency-based voter registration. These groups are more likely to visit places such as public assistance offices, where registration efforts can be most effective. This demographic group is also among the least likely to have utilized motor-voter registration.

The bottom line is that registering to vote should be as convenient as possible for our citizens. We must remember that the purpose of the election process is not to test the fortitude and determination of the voter, but to discern the will of the majority.

Voting is a fundamental right. Lets do our part in making the process easier for all.



House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

DATE: April 24, 1992

PLACE: Capitol Room 102

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

- HB 568 - Relating to Appt of Workers' Comp. Director
- HB 526 - Relating to Contractors & Local Public Works
- HB 463 - Relating to Voter Registration/Public Asmt. Applicant
- HB 562 - Relating to Establish Community College System

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
Loren Rosen	DOT/PE	9132 Channing Dr	99501	9-9728	2960	(Y) N	HB-526
Ralph Mc Gath	ACCFT 2409	2533 Providence	99504	562-2660		Y N	HB 562
Bambi Moore	UAA/AAC STUDENT	7641 Snow View Dr Anchorage AK	99507	349-3138		(Y) N	HB 562
ARNE J. Lyholm	UAS MURTV	11120 Glacier Hwy JUNEAU, AK 99801	99801	289-4428		Y N	HB 562
Chuck Nahlen	Lokov ELECTRICAL				465-2700	(Y) N	HB 568
Laura A Glaiser	Electronics/ Lt Gov.	P.O. Box 110077	99511		3520	(Y) N	HB 463
Paul D Alexander	ACCFT	4201 E 104th. Av Anchorage AK	99516	346-3814	786-1535	(Y) N	HB 562
DAVE DAU	UAA	11800 Wayne Anchorage AK	99516	345-5338	716-1636	(Y) N	HB 562
Chuck Wade	ACCFT	Box 906 Bethel	99554	543-2840	543-4580	(Y) N	HB 562
Ann Hill	PWSec-Valdez ACCFT	Box 1053 Valdez	99686	88-2086	835-2681	(Y) N	HB 562
Ed Knisley	ACCFT	1220 E 16th Bethel	99504	278-0520	786-1740	(Y) N	HB 562



House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

DATE:

PLACE:

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?		WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
DON MILLER	ACCF	10340 KASLOF BLVD ANCHORAGE, AK 99516	99516	346-3332	786-1126	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HB 562
W Redma	UA.					<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Radene Schroeder	UAF	1149 W. Elm, Fairbanks	99709	479-6544	457-4223	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HB 562
Sherene Gou	Alaska Commissioner	P.O. Box 22156 Juneau	99802		463-6744	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HB 463
Hanna Schmitt	UAA-KAC ACCF	34820 College Road Soldotna, AK	99661	262-5821	283-6150	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	HB 562
Tom Bergstrom	UAF					<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
ERIC LEGGARD	ACCF	PO Box 22156	99802	750-4022	757-4432	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HB 562
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