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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 493

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act Allowing Voters Who Register at Precinct
Polling Places to Vote in Current Election.
Sponsor: Representative Gruenberg
Requestor: House State Affairs

Department Affected: Office of the Governor-Elections
BRU: Division of Elections
Component: II Primary and General Elections

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	159.7	2.7	157.0	2.7	157.0	2.7
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	159.7	2.7	157.0	2.7	157.0	2.7

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	159.7	2.7	157.0	2.7	157.0	2.7
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	159.7	2.7	157.0	2.7	157.0	2.7

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.)
See Attached

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Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: Office of the Governor

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FISCAL ANALYSIS FOR HB 493

Allowing voters to register at the polls is not something new, but that those votes should be counted in that election will require additional election workers, temporary employees to enter the voter history (if a voter changes their registration for the Primary, they may be encouraged to change again before the General), and at least quadruple the necessary Question Ballot Review Board members.

It is estimated that there should be at least one additional Election Worker at each precinct (471 precincts) just to handle the Questioned Ballots.

$$1 \times 471 \times 15 \text{ hours} \times \$7.50 \text{ per hour} = \$52.987 \text{ (thousand)}$$

Regional Supervisors estimate that should there be approximately 40,000 voters who change their registration at the polls (estimated at less than 1/3 of the voters who voted in the last Primary) so they will have to hire temporaries simply to handle the additional input of voter information. A clerk can enter approximately 50 forms per hour, and each new clerk would require at least two weeks training before being able to process the forms at this level.

$$800 \text{ hours} \times \$10.00 \text{ per hour} = \$8. \text{ (thousand)}$$

The Question Ballot Review Board will obviously need additional workers. There were approximately 9,500 Questioned Ballots in the 1990 Primary. If we were to estimate that there would be 40,000 due to this change in statute then we would need to quadruple the number of Review Board members in order to process and count the ballots in the time mandated by statute (10 days after the Election). There are 4 Board members in each Region (and 4 regions).

$$12 \times 8 \text{ hours} \times 10 \text{ days} \times \$10.00 \text{ per hour} = \$96. \text{ (thousand)}$$

Finally, additional Oath and Affidavit Envelopes will need to be ordered. If we were to consider an additional 30,000 questioned ballots,

$$30,000 \times \$0.09 \text{ each envelope} = \$2.7 \text{ (thousand)}$$

The total estimated costs of implementing a change as suggested in HB 493 is \$159.687 (thousand).

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MEMORANDUM

February 13, 1992

SUBJECT: Bill allowing voters to register and then vote at precinct polling places (Work Order No. 7-LS1995A)

TO: Representative Max Gruenberg
Attention: Stan Robbins

FROM: Robert Glennon Casey *RGC 2-13-92*
Legislative Counsel

This bill draft would allow a person otherwise qualified to vote to register at the precinct polling place and then immediately vote.

This bill draft does not, however, change AS 15.05.010(4)'s requirement that a voter be a resident of the state and voting district for at least 30 days before election.

So, a person who registered at the precinct polling place but whose name was not yet on the official registration list would vote a "questioned ballot." Voting officials would count the questioned ballot of such a voter, if the officials found that the voter was "otherwise qualified to vote" (including having resided in the state and election district for at least 30 days before election).

No longer would a voter be required to have registered 30 days or more before an election, however, in order to be "otherwise qualified."

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All members House State Affairs Committee
FROM: Rep. Max Gruenberg *Max*
RE: Support for HB 493
DATE: March 23, 1992

I very much appreciate your support for HB 493, "An Act allowing voters who register at precinct polling places to vote in the current election".

HB 493 (1) Allows qualified voters to register in person before a registration official any time throughout the year. (2) Allows a voter to reregister if th voter's registration is cancelled for failure to vote in prior elections. (3) Provides that the person whose name does not appear on the registration list who votes a questioned ballot shall be counted if the person registers at the precinct polling place.

If you have any questions about this bill, please contact Stan Robbins in my office (4968) .

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Representatives

FROM: Rep. Max Gruenberg *MFG*

RE: Bill Introduction
Allowing voters to register at polling place

DATE: February 17, 1992

I invite you to co-sponsor HB 493, which will be introduced tomorrow, Tuesday February 18, 1992.

HB 493 (1) Allows qualified voters to register in person before a registration official any time throughout the year. (2) Allows a voter to reregister if th voter's registration is cancelled for failure to vote in prior elections. (3) Provides that the person whose name does not appear on the registration list who votes a questioned ballot shall be counted if the person registers at the precinct polling place.

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Stan Robbins in my office (4968) as soon as possible.

Thank you.

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act allowing voters who register at precinct polling places to vote in the current
2 election."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 15.07.07(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Qualified voters may register in person before a registration official at any time
6 throughout the year [, EXCEPT THAT A PERSON REGISTERING WITHIN 30 DAYS
7 PRECEDING AN ELECTION MAY NOT VOTE AT THAT ELECTION]. Upon receipt and
8 approval of the registration forms, the director or the election supervisor shall forward to the
9 voter an acknowledgment in the form of a registration card and the voter's name shall
10 immediately be placed on the master register located in the office of the director and on the
11 district register located in the office of the election supervisor. Names of persons registering 30
12 or more days before an election shall be placed on the official registration list for that election.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.090(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) A voter shall reregister if the voter's registration is cancelled for failure to vote in

1 prior elections as provided in AS 15.07.130. [THE REREGISTRATION MAY NOT BE MADE
2 LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION.]

3 • Sec. 3. AS 15.15.198 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (c) The vote of a person whose name does not appear on the official registration list and
5 who votes a questioned ballot shall be counted if the person registers at the precinct polling place
6 and is otherwise qualified to vote.



House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

DATE: 3-25-92

PLACE: Capital Room #102

SB 337-Relating to Retirement Incentive Program

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

- HB 420-Relating to Contr'g for Care of Prisoners
- HB 465-Relating to Recycling/Solid Waste Mgt Plans
- HB 493-Relating to Reg'g to Vote at Polling Places
- HA 528-Relating to Public Works Contr/Wage Increases
- HB 565-Relating to Approp: Contr. Settlement Costs
- ILP 1-Relating to Change Term of Reg's to 4 Years
- SB 185-Relating to Legislative Ethics

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
Jorgen Rasmussen	DOT/PE	3732 Chumchal Drive	99501	789-972	465-2960	(Y) N	To answer question HB 528
JEFF CATSEEN	DOT/PE	"	"	789-072	"	(Y) N	Questions on HB 465
MICHAEL STARK	Dept of La	BOX KC	99811	789-972	3424	(Y) N	HB 420
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Kim Pettit	Doc	PUBLIC S-C B			76-2350	(Y) N	IF NEEDED HB 465 29528
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