

HB

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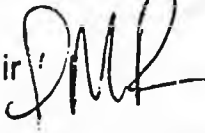


Alaska State Legislature

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Sunday, May 10, 1992
Time: 3:30 p.m.

To: Members, Senate State Affairs Committee
From: Senator Pat Rodey, Chair 
Subj: HB-167 / Committee Meeting - Beltz Room

Shortly before Floor session at 4 p.m. we will gather in the Beltz Room for a State Affairs Meeting to consider HB-167, *relating to absentee voting by persons confined in an institution and absentee voting by personal representative.* The bill is sponsored by the Governor for the Division of Elections.

Currently, the law provides for absentee voting by personal representative that is extraordinarily burdensome for both the voter and the personal representative. Several trips are necessary for the personal representative. This bill streamlines the procedure, reducing the number of trips to and from the elections office to one.

In addition, to comply with federal law (42 U.S.C. 1973aa-6.) proposed AS 15.20.071 (g) would prohibit a voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union from acting as the voter's personal representatives.

There is no fiscal impact.

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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February 25, 1991

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Speaker Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to absentee voting.

Currently, AS 15.20.071 provides a procedure for absentee voting by personal representative that is extraordinarily burdensome for the voter and for the personal representative. A personal representative must make several trips between the voter and election officials in order for a disabled voter to use this method of voting. The bill streamlines the procedure, allowing the personal representative to accomplish in a single round trip all of the steps necessary to allow a disabled voter to vote. Additionally, the bill would allow a person confined to an institution to vote absentee by personal representative. Safeguards and accountability necessary to ensure the integrity of the election process are also maintained in this bill.

Currently, AS 15.20.071(e) prohibits a candidate from acting as a personal representative. In the bill, that provision is removed. New AS 15.20.071(g) would prohibit a voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union from acting as the voter's personal representative. Both these changes are required by federal law. 42 U.S.C. 1973aa-6. Federal law also provides that, for federal elections, state laws may require medical certification from handicapped voters only in limited circumstances. 42 U.S.C. 1973ee-3. This bill removes the current requirement (in existing AS 15.20.071(b)) that a voter's application under this section be accompanied by a letter or statement regarding the voter's disability from a physician or from two qualified voters.

I urge your favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

FISCAL NOTE

No. 2

Bill Version: CSHB 167(JUD)

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STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: 04/08/92
Title: Absentee Voting
Sponsor: House Rules Committee by Request of the Governor
Requestor: House Judiciary Committee

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	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 FUND	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: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
There is no fiscal impact associated with this bill.

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Division: Elections Date: 04/08/92
Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: 4/8/92
Agency: Office of the Governor

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