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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/20/01

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 23 April 01

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 187

"An Act relating to absentee voting stations."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SB 187 (FIN)
- adopt previous CS (        )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by          Committee
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- same title
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- House Bill:**
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  - new: SCR #

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Governor	4/18/01		✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: SB 187  
(S) Publish Date: 4/20/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affect: OOG  
Title: An Act relating to absentee voting stations BRU: Elective Operations  
Component: Elections  
Sponsor: Senator Ward  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee Component Number: 21

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Gail Fenunlai Phone 465-3935  
Division: Division of Election Date/Time 04/18/2001 4:14PM  
Approved by: Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer Date 04/18/2001  
Agency: Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 1  
Bill Number: SB 187  
Sponsor: Ward Date: 4/22  
Logged In By: Cadie

22-LS0796L.1  
Kurtz  
4/20/01

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE  
TO: CSSB 187(STA)

BY SENATOR WARD

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- 2 Delete "30"
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
~~2000~~ **COMMITTEE ACTION**

4/23/01

Bill Number	SB 187		
Amendment	# 1		
Motion	adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Ward		
<u>Objection by</u>	Kelly		
<u>Removed</u>	✓		
<u>Second Objection by</u>	✓		
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>N</u>
Senator Lemam			
Senator Olson			
Senator Ward			
Senator Wilken			
Senator Austerman			
Senator Green			
Senator Hoffman			
Co-Chair Donley			
Co-Chair Kelly			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<b>MOTION</b>	Pass		

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR WARD**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to absentee and special needs voting ."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 15.20.045(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The director may designate by regulation adopted under AS 44.62  
5 (Administrative Procedure Act) locations at which absentee voting stations will be  
6 operated on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including the date  
7 of the election [ON ELECTION DAY AND ON OTHER DATES AND AT TIMES  
8 TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR]. The director shall supply absentee  
9 voting stations with ballots for all house districts in the state and shall designate  
10 absentee voting officials to serve at absentee voting stations.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 15.20.050 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 15.20.050. Requirement of full public notice.** The director shall give  
13 full public notice of the dates and manner of voting absentee and may select any  
14 means of communication permitted to be used in giving notice of the date and time of  
15 the general election. The director shall give notice under this section of the

1 location of absentee voting stations at least 45 days before each election. #1

2 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.20.061(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) A qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot to the  
4 following election officials at the times specified:

5 (1) to an absentee voting official on or after the 15th day before an  
6 election up to and including the date of the election;

7 (2) to an election supervisor

8 [(A) AFTER A DATE ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR  
9 UNDER AS 15.20.048(b); AND

10 (B)] on or after the 15th day before an election up to and  
11 including the date of the election;

12 (3) to an absentee voting official at an absentee voting station  
13 designated under AS 15.20.045(b) on or after the 15th day before an election up to  
14 and including the date of the election [AT ANY TIME WHEN THE ABSENTEE  
15 VOTING STATION IS OPERATING];

16 (4) to an absentee voting official in the precinct in which no volunteers  
17 can be located to serve on the election board on or after the 15th day before an election  
18 up to and including election day.

19 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.20.072(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) The voter may, through a representative, request a special needs ballot  
21 from the following election officials at the times specified:

22 (1) from an absentee voting official on or after the 15th day before an  
23 election, up to and including election day;

24 (2) from an election supervisor

25 [(A) AFTER A DATE ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR  
26 UNDER AS 15.20.048(b); AND

27 (B)] on or after the 15th day before an election up to and  
28 including election day;

29 (3) from an absentee voting official at an absentee voting station  
30 designated under AS 15.20.045(b) on or after the 15th day before an election up to  
31 and including the date of the election [AT A TIME WHEN THE ABSENTEE

1 VOTING STATION IS IN OPERATION]; or

2 (4) from a member of the precinct election board on election day.

3 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.20.048(b) is repealed.



# SENATOR JERRY WARD

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SB 187 Sponsor Statement

### “An Act relating to absentee voting stations”

This legislation will require the director of elections to notify the voting public of all “absentee in person voting” locations at least 60 days prior to an election. It will also provide a uniform statewide opening date for absentee in person voting. Currently the location and opening periods for absentee voting stations is at the discretion of the director of the division of elections and requires no public notice. This has lead to some inconsistencies in opening dates and voting locations.

SB 187 requires that the director of the division of elections provide full public notice of the location of all absentee voting stations at least 60 days prior to each election. No new absentee voting station sights may be added or opened after the 60-day notification period.

Absentee voting stations will be operated on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> day before a primary, general, or special election. Qualified voters may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the absentee voting station on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> day before an election up to and including the date of the election. Absentee voting stations can not be opened early.

Having a uniform state wide opening date and prior notification of all absentee voting in person locations will make for less confusion for the voters and a more even playing field for all concerned.

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## MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary of Absentee Voting Stations  
(22-LS0796/F)

**TO:** Senator Jerry Ward  
Attn: Loretta Brown

**FROM:** Kathryn L. Kurtz *KK*  
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

**Section 1.** Specifies that absentee voting stations will be operated on or after the 15th day before an election, rather than at the discretion of the director of the division of elections.

**Section 2.** Requires that the director of the division of elections provide full public notice of the location of absentee voting stations at least 60 days before each election.

**Section 3.** Provides that a qualified voter may apply in person for an absentee ballot at an absentee voting station on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including the date of the election. This change corresponds to the change in section 1.

KLK:jhb  
01-014:jhb

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: April 10, 2001

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

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Lt. Gov	4/18		✓	1

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<i>Bill E. Kelly</i>	✓			
<i>Bettye Davis</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Gene Kinnick</i>	✓			

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 187-ABSENTEE VOTING STATIONS

NAME: Gail Fenunmai Subject/Bill No: SB187  
Co./Dept./Title: Elections Phone: 405-3935  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject/Bill No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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