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TO: Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr. *MFG*

DATE: January 24, 2013

RE: HB 12: Absentee Voting

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Please consider this memorandum as a request for the House State Affairs Committee to schedule a hearing on House Bill 12. Accompanying this memo are the following documents:

- House Bill 12 (28-LS0042\A)
- Sponsor Statement & Sectional Summary
- List of Expected Witnesses

Thank you for considering my request for a hearing on House Bill 12. Please contact my legislative aide, Ted Madsen, at 465-2840 with any questions.

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House Bill 12 (28-LS0042\A):

“An Act making an absentee ballot application valid through the two general elections following its submission; providing that a voter’s absentee ballot application is valid through the two general elections following an election at which the voter casts an absentee ballot; and providing for an effective date.”

Sponsor Statement

Currently, most voters must request a ballot each time they vote by mail. Under AS 15.20.081(i) uniformed service members and qualified overseas voters receive a ballot for the following two general elections after they apply for a by mail ballot. This bill will extend the same right to all Alaskans. Under the bill, a vote by mail ballot application from a qualified voter will be valid through the next two general elections. Furthermore, each time the voter casts a ballot by mail, the application will continue to be valid through the next two general elections. If the voter casts a ballot in a manner other than by mail, the vote by mail application will no longer be valid. Additionally, if the by mail ballot is returned to the Division of Elections as “undeliverable,” the division need no longer send a ballot to that voter at that address.

Sectional Analysis

Sec. 1: Repeal and reenacts AS 15.20.081(i). Page 1, Line 6 through Page 2, Line 1.

Sec. 2: Provides that the Act takes effect January 1, 2014. Page 2, Line 2.

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List of Expected Witnesses:

- Gail Fenumiai, Director, Division of Elections