

SENATE BILL NO. 178

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR KAWASAKI

Introduced: 2/2/22

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to absentee voting; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (m) An absentee ballot application must include an option for a qualified voter
5 to choose to receive absentee ballots by mail for state elections. The division may not
6 require a voter who chooses this option to reapply for an absentee ballot by mail
7 unless

8 (1) the voter has not voted an absentee ballot for a period of four years;

9 or

10 (2) a previous absentee ballot sent to the voter by the division under
11 this section was returned to the division as undeliverable.

12 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.