

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 186(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to voter registration; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 15.07.050(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Registration may be made

5 (1) in person before a registration official or through a voter
6 registration agency;

7 (2) by another individual on behalf of the voter if the voter has
8 executed a written general power of attorney or a written special power of attorney
9 authorizing that other individual to register the voter;

10 (3) by mail;

11 (4) by facsimile transmission, scanning, or another method of
12 electronic transmission that the director approves; or

13 (5) by **requesting to be registered as a voter on** [COMPLETING] a
14 permanent fund dividend application **form** under AS 43.23.015.

15 *** Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060(e) is amended to read:

1 (e) For an applicant requesting initial registration by mail, by facsimile or
 2 other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, or by
 3 **requesting registration on [COMPLETING] a permanent fund dividend application**
 4 **form and including the information required under (a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) of this**
 5 **section**, the director shall verify the information provided in compliance with (a)(2)
 6 and (3) of this section through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e). If
 7 the applicant cannot comply with the requirement of (a)(2) of this section because the
 8 applicant has not been issued any of the listed numbers, the applicant may instead
 9 submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification: a driver's license, state
 10 identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or
 11 hunting or fishing license.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070(i) is amended to read:

13 (i) The division shall register voters **under (j) - (m) of this section** who
 14 **request to be registered on a permanent fund dividend application form**
 15 **submitted under AS 43.23.015 to the Department of Revenue. The director shall**
 16 **treat a permanent fund dividend applicant as a new or updated registered voter,**
 17 **unless the permanent fund dividend applicant who requests to be registered does**
 18 **not provide the information required under AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9)**
 19 [SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND
 20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH (j) - (m) OF THIS SECTION].

21 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070(k) is amended to read:

22 (k) Upon receipt of the registration information, the director shall, as soon as
 23 practicable and in accordance with a schedule established by the director by rule,
 24 **process the registration information received and** notify, by United States mail and
 25 any other means authorized by the director, each applicant **who requested voter**
 26 **registration** [NOT ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE] at the address provided in
 27 the applicant's application

28 [(1) OF THE PROCESSES TO

29 (A) DECLINE TO BE REGISTERED AS A VOTER;

30 (B) MAINTAIN AN EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION

31 OR BE NEWLY REGISTERED AT A VALID PLACE OF RESIDENCE

1 NOT PROVIDED IN THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION; AND

2 (C) ADOPT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; AND

3 (2) THAT FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE NOTIFICATION
4 SHALL CONSTITUTE THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO CANCEL ANY
5 REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION].

6 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.070(l) is amended to read:

7 (l) If an applicant **requests** [DOES NOT DECLINE] to be registered as a
8 voter, **the** [WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE
9 NOTIFICATION, THE APPLICATION UNDER AS 43.23.015 WILL
10 CONSTITUTE A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM. THE] name of the
11 applicant shall be placed on the master register if the director determines that the
12 person is qualified to vote under AS 15.05.010, and the director shall forward to the
13 applicant a registration card. If registration is denied, the applicant shall immediately
14 be informed in writing that registration was denied and the reason for denial.

15 * **Sec. 6.** AS 43.23.015(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) The department shall prescribe and furnish an application form for
17 claiming a permanent fund dividend. The application must include

18 (1) notice of the penalties provided for under AS 43.23.035;

19 (2) a statement of eligibility and a certification of residency;

20 (3) the means for an applicant eligible to vote under AS 15.05, or a
21 person authorized to act on behalf of the applicant, to **request that the applicant be**
22 **registered as a voter, to** furnish information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and
23 (7) - (9) **under the procedures established by the director of the division of**
24 **elections under AS 15.07.070(k), and to attest** [AN ATTESTATION] that **the**
25 [SUCH] information is true.

26 * **Sec. 7.** AS 43.23.016 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 43.23.016. Voter registration.** The commissioner shall establish by rule a
28 schedule by which the commissioner [WILL PROVIDE AND] shall provide, as soon
29 as [IS] practicable, the director of elections with

30 (1) electronic records from the permanent fund dividend applications
31 **with** [OF] the information required **under** [BY] AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9)

1 [.] and the attestation that **the** [SUCH] information is true [.] for each permanent fund
 2 dividend applicant who **requested to be registered to vote and is**

3 (A) [IS] a citizen of the United States; and

4 (B) [IS] at least 18 years of age or will be within 90 days of the

5 date of the application; and

6 (2) the mailing addresses for all permanent fund dividend applicants.

7 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 8 read:

9 APPLICABILITY: PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICATIONS. The
 10 changes made by secs. 1 - 7 of this Act apply to permanent fund dividend applications filed
 11 on or after January 1, 2019.

12 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 13 read:

14 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Revenue and the division of
 15 elections may adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The
 16 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the
 17 effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

18 * **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 - 7 of this Act take effect January 1, 2019.

19 * **Sec. 11.** Except as provided in sec. 10 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
 20 AS 01.10.070(c).