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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 83-67

AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE TO CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR QUESTIONED BALLOTS.

WHEREAS, the current election code of the Kenai Peninsula Borough does not adequately address procedures for handling questioned ballots; and

WHEREAS, such procedures need to be specified especially with regard to questioned ballots regarding service area elections that may involve less than an entire precinct;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAL PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That Title 4 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code is amended to add the following section:

- 4.16.025 Questioned ballots. A. Every election official and election judge shall question, and every watcher and any other person qualified to vote in the precinct, or qualified to vote in the particular election involving less than an entire precinct in the case of service areas, may question a person attempting to vote if the questioneer has good reason to suspect that the questioned person is not qualified to vote in the election. All questions regarding a persons qualifications to vote shall be made in writing setting out the reason that the person has been questioned.
- B. The questioned person, before voting, shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation in a form provided by the election official attesting to the fact that in each particular the person meets all the qualifications of a voter, is not disqualified, and has not voted at the same election. If the question is to residence within the precinct or voting area the person shall also state the place from which that person came immediately before living in the precinct where offering to vote and the length of time of residence in the former place. After the questioned person has executed the oath or affirmation the person may vote. If the questioned person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation, the person may not vote.

C. A voter who casts a questioned ballot shall vote his ballot in the same manner as prescribed for other voters. After the election official or judge removes the numbered stub from the ballot, the voter shall insert the ballot into a small envelope and put the small envelope into a larger envelope on which the statement he previously signed is located. These larger envelopes shall be sealed and deposited in the ballot box. When the ballot box is opened, these envelopes shall be segregated, counted, compared to the voting list, and delivered to the election canvassing board. The election canvassing board shall review and judge the applicability of questioned ballots in accordance with KPB 4.16.010 (B).

 $\underline{\text{Section 2}}.$ That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 20th DAY OF September, 1983.

Joseph Arness, Vice Pres. Ønald L. McCloud, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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