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State Election Officials Certify General Election Ballots

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018, JUNEAU – The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) director has certified the November 6, 2018 General Election ballots for printing.

The division finalized the ballots following certification of the Primary Election.

DOE has been working to design ballots in compliance with state law and the new Alaska Democratic Party case law. All candidates' names appearing on the General Election ballot uniformly list the registered political affiliation codes, regardless of how they were nominated (petition or primary), after their name in parentheses. Next to candidates' names is the nomination process used to obtain access to the General Election Ballot, either by political party or petition. At the top of the ballot is a key for the affiliation codes.

"The ballot needs to be as clear, simple and fair as possible so that voters can make informed choices they are confident in when they go to vote," said State Elections Director Josie Bahnke. "We're committed to making the process as easy to understand as we can."

DOE encourages all eligible Alaska voters to make sure they register to vote or update their registration information by the statutory October 7 deadline to participate in the General Election.

DOE reminds voters that state elections are conducted under a polling place system, with early and absentee voting opportunities. Voters planning to receive a ballot in the mail must apply for a by-mail absentee ballot by October 27.

Sample ballots can be viewed [online](#).

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