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2018 Primary and General Elections To Be Conducted Under Poll-Based System

JULY 31, 2018, JUNEAU – As has been the case for decades, the statewide 2018 Primary and General elections will be conducted under a **precinct-based system**, which means Alaska voters will go to their respective polling places to cast their ballots on Election Day. Alaska’s elections include not only voting in-person on Election Day, but also early and absentee voting opportunities.

Anchorage voters will **not** Vote by Mail for the state Primary and General elections. All Alaska voters, including Anchorage residents, will instead go to their polling place which can be located online [here](#).

The division reminds Alaskans that state elections are conducted by the State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) and local elections are conducted by municipalities, such as the Municipality of Anchorage.

Any departure from the state’s current voting method would require legislative action that makes significant modifications to state statutes.

“We will continue to conduct precinct-based elections based on current Alaska law,” said State Elections Director Josie Bahnke.

DOE reminds voters that anyone interested in receiving a ballot in the mail needs to [apply](#) by August 11 to vote using this method for the August 21 Primary Election. Early and Absentee In-Person, Electronic Transmission and Special Needs Voting begins **August 6**.

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