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Division of Elections

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## 2010 Important Election Dates

<b>September 15, 2010</b>	Last day for candidates to withdraw names from General Election ballot.
<b>September 18, 2010</b>	First mailing of absentee ballots to military and overseas voters.
<b>October 2, 2010</b>	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>October 3, 2010</b>	Last day to register or change registration for the General Election. Regional Elections offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>October 08, 2010</b>	First mailing of regular absentee by-mail ballots for General Election, then daily as needed.
<b>October 11, 2010</b>	Deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> to be mailed to Alaska voter households.
<b>October 18 – November 2, 2010</b>	Absentee in-person, by-fax, special needs and early voting available for the General Election.
<b>October 23, 2010</b>	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail ballot applications for the General Election.
<b>October 30, 2010</b>	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Elections Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>October 31, 2010</b>	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>November 1, 2010</b>	Applications for absentee ballot by fax must be received by 5:00pm Alaska time.
<b>November 2, 2010</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</b> – polls and absentee in-person locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last day to postmark absentee by mail ballots for General Election.
<b>November 9, 2010</b>	Possible count of absentee, remaining early and questioned ballots in those regions that have completed ballot review.
<b>November 12, 2010</b>	Deadline to receive by mail ballots mailed from within the United States.
<b>November 12-17, 2010</b>	As regions complete their ballot review for absentee and questioned ballots, they will schedule the ballot counting.

<b>November 17, 2010</b>	Deadline to receive by mail ballots mailed from overseas addresses.
<b>November 17, 2010</b>	Regional offices must have all absentee and questioned ballots reviewed, opened and counted by this date.
<b>November 29, 2010</b>	Target date to certify 2010 General election.

# **Election Central Information**

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General Election Day is November 2, 2010

The Division of Elections has arranged for space and equipment to view the election results at the following locations. The division will also provide hard copies of the results to the media.

If you have equipment, telephone or other needs, you can make arrangements directly through the designated contact person listed below. The division makes no special arrangements for media personnel.

## **Anchorage Election Central**

Egan Center  
Denise Kamm – 907-263-2827

## **Fairbanks Election Central**

Westmark Hotel – Gold Room  
Tricia Rowles – 907-459-7739

## **\* Juneau Election Central**

Centennial Hall  
Derron Peterson – 907-586-0485

\* If you need any special arrangements at Centennial Hall, you must contact them no later than Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Prepayment for services by credit card will be required.

# Voting Information

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General Election Day is November 2, 2010

## Polling Places

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters may call our polling place locator number to find out their assigned polling place. **The number is 1-888-383-8683. In Anchorage, voters would call 269-8683.**

## Bring Identification to the Polls

Voters **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification. Voters may use the following ID: voter ID card, driver's license, State ID card, current and valid photo ID, passport, military ID card, birth certificate, hunting or fishing license. A voter may also use an original copy of one of the following documents if it contains the voter's name and current address: current utility bill, government check, bank statement, pay check, or other government document. *If a voter does not have identification when voting, the voter will be asked to vote a questioned ballot.*

## What Happens if the Voter's Name is not on Register

If a voter's name does not appear on the precinct register, the voter may vote a questioned ballot. Before receiving a ballot, the voter must complete a questioned ballot envelope. The voter's voted ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then the secrecy sleeve will be sealed inside the completed questioned ballot envelope. All questioned ballots are returned to the Election Supervisor for review and counting by the Questioned Ballot Review Board.

## Marking the Ballot

When voting the ballot, the voter needs to completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue he/she wishes to vote for. Voters only have to mark the races or issues they choose to vote for. If a voter marks more than one choice in a race or issue, that section of the ballot will **NOT** be counted. The sections of the ballot that are properly marked will be counted.

If a voter makes a mistake marking the ballot, **DO NOT** erase or correct the ballot. The voter may return the spoiled ballot to an election worker and request a new ballot. If a voter attempts to correct a mistake on the ballot, the corrected vote may not be counted. **Note:** *A voter may only receive a replacement for a spoiled ballot 2 times.*

## Assistance While Voting

If a voter needs assistance during the voting process, the voter may have a person of his or her choice provide any needed assistance as long as that person is not a candidate, the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer or agent of a union the voter belongs to. The voter may receive assistance during each phase of the voting process, including assistance in the voting booth. Alaska Native language assistance is available in many rural communities and Filipino (Tagalog) assistance is available in Kodiak.

## Campaigning Prohibited Near Polls

Alaska law prohibits political persuasion within 200 feet of any entrance to a polling place during the hours the polls are open. This means that there may not be any discussion or display of campaign items for candidates or issues appearing on the ballot at that polling place.

# Voter Eligibility and Polling Places

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q - Who can vote?**

**A -** U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in Alaska at least 30 days before an election.

**Q - May I register to vote before I am 18?**

**A -** You may register 90 days before you turn 18, but you must be 18 on or before Election Day in order to vote.

**Q - I have just become a U.S. citizen. May I vote in the General Election?**

**A -** If you became a U.S. citizen and registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election, you may vote for all races appearing on the ballot.

**Q - If I was convicted of a felony may I still vote?**

**A -** Your voting rights are restored after you have been unconditionally discharged from your sentence and after you re-register to vote.

**Q - How do I register to vote?**

**A -** You may register to vote in Alaska by completing a voter registration application and presenting it in person to the Division of Elections, a voter registrar in your community, a city or borough clerk, or a voter registration agency (e.g., DMV, recruitment offices of the armed forces). You may also mail it to a Division of Elections' office. A voter registration application can be downloaded from our web site: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

**Q - I have moved within the state since I last voted. How do I update my voter registration**

**A - record?**

You may change/update your registration record on the Voter Registration Application. If you did not update your registration at least 30 days prior to the election you will have to vote a questioned ballot.

## Polling Place Questions

**Q - Where do I vote?**

**A -** Go to your polling place. To determine where your polling place is located, please call 1-888-383-8683 (in Anchorage, 269-8683) or visit our web site at: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

**Q - If I'm not sure about what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to**

**A - help me?**

Yes, the election board workers at the polling place will help you.

**Q - Do I need identification when I go to vote? If so, what type?**

**A -** Yes. Examples of appropriate ID include: a driver's license, State ID card, voter ID card, military ID, fishing or hunting license, or passport. A picture ID is not necessary.

**Q - May I take my completed sample ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?**

**A -** Yes. Deciding how you will vote before you get to the polls will help you vote an informed ballot.

**Q - Is there any way to vote instead of going to the polling place on Election Day?**

**A -** Yes. Absentee voting information is available on the Division's web site at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

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# What's on the Ballot?

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## 2010 General Election Ballot Summary

### Candidate Races On Ballot

United States Senator

United States Representative

Governor/Lt. Governor

State Senate

(Senate Districts: B, D, F, H, J, L, N, P, R, S)

State Representative

(All 40 Districts)

Judicial Retention

Supreme Court Justice

Court of Appeals Judge

Superior and District Court Judges

**Bonding Proposition A** - State Guaranteed Veterans Residential Mortgage Bonds, \$600,000,000

**Bonding Proposition B** - State General Obligation Library, Education, and Educational Research Facility Bonds, \$397,200,000

**Ballot Measure #1** - Senate Joint Resolution 21 - Increase Number of Legislators and Districts

# House and Senate District Designations

<b>Senate District</b>	<b>House District</b>	<b>House District</b>
A	1 Ketchikan	2 Sitka/Wrangell/Petersburg
B	3 Juneau/Downtown/Douglas	4 Juneau/Mendenhall Valley
C	5 Cordova/Southeast Islands	6 Interior Villages
D	7 Farmer's Loop/Steese Hwy	8 Denali/University
E	9 City of Fairbanks	10 Fairbanks/Ft Wainwright
F	11 North Pole	12 Richardson/Glenn Hwys
G	13 Greater Palmer	14 Greater Wasilla
H	15 Rural Mat-Su	16 Chugiak/Southern Mat-Su
I	17 Eagle River	18 Military
J	19 Muldoon	20 Mt. View/Wonder Park
K	21 Baxter Bog	22 University/Airport Heights
L	23 Downtown/Rogers Park	24 Midtown/Taku
M	25 East Spenard	26 Turnagain/Inlet View
N	27 Sand Lake	28 Bayshore/Klatt
O	29 Campbell/Independence Park	30 Lore/Abbott
P	31 Huffman/Ocean View	32 Chugach State Park
Q	33 Kenai/Soldotna	34 Rural Kenai
R	35 Homer/Seward	36 Kodiak
S	37 Bristol Bay/Aleutians	38 Bethel
T	39 Bering Straits	40 Arctic

## JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	PRECINCT	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
All of Districts 1 – 4		1
All of District 5 except:		
	05-502 Cordova	1
	05-555 Tatitlek	3
All of District 6 except:		4
	06-537 Chistochina	3
	06-543 Copper Center	3
	06-557 Gakona	3
	06-593 Kenny Lake	3
	06-613 Mentasta	3
	06-695 Tyonek	3
All of Districts 7 - 11		4
All of District 12 except:		3
	12-010 Big Delta	4
	12-020 Delta Junction	4
	12-025 Eielson	4
	12-035 Salcha	4
All of Districts 13 - 37		3
All of District 38		4
All of District 39 Except:		2
	39-900 Alakanuk	4
	39-904 Chevak	4
	39-910 Emmonak	4
	39-916 Hooper Bay	4
	39-918 Kotlik	4
	39-922 Mountain Village	4
	39-928 Nunam Iqua	4
	39-930 Pilot Station	4
	39-932 Pitka's Point	4
	39-936 Scammon Bay	4
	39-940 St. Mary's	4
All of District 40		2

# Reading the Election Results

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There are 2 types of results available.

- ❖ **Statewide Election Summary** – This report is a summary showing the entire results for each race.
- ❖ **Statement of Votes Cast** – This report contains the individual district results for each race. This report includes the results for each race for each precinct in the district.

## Statewide Election Summary

Registered Voters	=	Number of registered voters in the State of Alaska
Cards Cast	=	Total number of ballots cast
Number of Precincts	=	Total number of precincts where race appears on ballot
Precincts Reporting	=	Of the number of precincts where race appears, this is the number that has reported results. Throughout election night, this number changes as precincts report. Keep in mind that a precinct shows as reported when the optical scan or hand-count results are uploaded. There may still be results needing to be uploaded from the precinct's touch screen unit.
Times Counted	=	Number of ballots counted that included the individual race.
Total Votes	=	Number of votes counted in the individual race. This number may be lower than "times counted" because some voters chose not to vote in the race.

## Statement of Votes Cast

Reg Voters	=	Number of registered voters in the State of Alaska
Cards Cast	=	Total number of ballots cast
% Turnout	=	Number of cards cast divided by number of registered voters, expressed as a percentage.
Total Votes	=	Number of votes counted in the individual race. This number may be lower than "times counted" because some voters chose not to vote in the race.

Results are posted to web at:

**[www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)**

# Sample Statewide Summary

State of Alaska - 2008 General Election November 4, 2008 Official Results	Date: 12/03/08 Time: 13:34:57 Page: 1 of 7
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Registered Voters 495731 - Cards Cast 327341 66.03%

Num. Report Precinct 438 - Num. Reporting 438 100.00%

US PRESIDENT			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	438		
Precincts Reporting	438	100.0 %	
Times Counted	327341/495731	66.0 %	
Total Votes	326197		
Baldwin and Castle	AI	1660	0.51%
Barr and Root	LIB	1589	0.49%
McCain and Palin	REP	193841	59.42%
Nader and Gonzalez	IND	3783	1.16%
Obama and Biden	DEM	123594	37.89%
Write-in Votes		1730	0.53%

SENATE DISTRICT E			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	14		
Precincts Reporting	14	100.0 %	
Times Counted	11830/23766	49.8 %	
Total Votes	11457		
Paskvan, Joe	DEM	5923	51.70%
Henry, Cynthia	REP	5504	48.04%
Write-in Votes		30	0.26%

US SENATOR			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	438		
Precincts Reporting	438	100.0 %	
Times Counted	322453/495731	65.0 %	
Total Votes	317723		
Begich, Mark	DEM	151767	47.77%
Bird, Bob	AI	13197	4.15%
Gianoutsos, Ted	NA	1385	0.44%
Haase, Fredrick D.	LIB	2483	0.78%
Stevens, Ted	REP	147814	46.52%
Write-in Votes		1077	0.34%

SENATE DISTRICT G			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	17		
Precincts Reporting	17	100.0 %	
Times Counted	20712/30638	67.6 %	
Total Votes	19892		
Cordero, Erick	DEM	3811	19.16%
Menard, Linda K.	REP	15899	79.93%
Write-in Votes		182	0.91%

US REPRESENTATIVE			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	438		
Precincts Reporting	438	100.0 %	
Times Counted	322453/495731	65.0 %	
Total Votes	316978		
Berkowitz, Ethan A.	DEM	142560	44.97%
Wright, Don R.	AI	14274	4.50%
Young, Don E.	REP	158939	50.14%
Write-in Votes		1205	0.38%

SENATE DISTRICT I			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	12		
Precincts Reporting	12	100.0 %	
Times Counted	14770/26284	56.2 %	
Total Votes	13918		
Dyson, Fred J.	REP	10095	72.53%
Amundson, Steven C.	DEM	3788	27.22%
Write-in Votes		35	0.25%

SENATE DISTRICT A			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	17		
Precincts Reporting	17	100.0 %	
Times Counted	14322/22929	62.5 %	
Total Votes	11551		
Stedman, Bert K.	REP	11101	96.10%
Write-in Votes		450	3.90%

SENATE DISTRICT K			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	14		
Precincts Reporting	14	100.0 %	
Times Counted	14183/23613	60.1 %	
Total Votes	13710		
Davis, Bettye J.	DEM	7789	56.81%
Harbour, Dave	REP	5891	42.97%
Write-in Votes		30	0.22%

SENATE DISTRICT C			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	63		
Precincts Reporting	63	100.0 %	
Times Counted	13377/21652	61.8 %	
Total Votes	12113		
Schneeberger, Rosema	NP	3686	30.43%
Kookesh, Albert M.	DEM	8328	68.75%
Write-in Votes		99	0.82%

SENATE DISTRICT M			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	18		
Precincts Reporting	18	100.0 %	
Times Counted	14028/23216	60.4 %	
Total Votes	10528		
French, Hollis S. II	DEM	9552	90.73%
Write-in Votes		976	9.27%

# Sample Statement of Votes Cast

State of Alaska - 2008 General Election												Date: 12/03/08
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Official Results												Page: 1 of 6
	TURN OUT			US PRESIDENT								
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	Baldwin and Castle (AL)	Barr and Root (LIB)	McCain and Palin (REP)	Nader and Gonzalez (IND)	Obama and Biden (DEM)	Write-In Votes	
Jurisdiction Wide												
01-110 Ketchikan No. 1	2152	728	33.83%	2152	726	6	5	374	12	322	7	
01-120 Ketchikan No. 2	2294	968	42.20%	2294	964	17	3	559	8	368	9	
01-130 Ketchikan No. 3	1664	695	41.77%	1664	692	1	4	447	7	228	5	
01-140 North Tongass No. 1	846	360	42.55%	846	359	1	3	262	4	89	0	
01-150 North Tongass No. 2	1654	760	45.95%	1654	758	5	5	519	9	220	0	
01-160 Saxman	281	147	52.31%	281	147	2	0	60	2	83	0	
01-170 South Tongass	1572	683	43.45%	1572	680	3	2	430	11	233	1	
01-180 Thome Bay	551	218	39.56%	551	217	3	3	161	4	44	2	
01-185 Coffman Cove	160	83	51.88%	160	82	2	0	58	2	20	0	
District 1 - Absentee	0	1899	-	0	1891	10	14	1013	25	816	13	
District 1 - Question	0	448	-	0	442	4	3	261	4	168	2	
District 1 - Early Voting	0	13	-	0	12	0	0	5	1	6	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11174</b>	<b>7002</b>	<b>62.66%</b>	<b>11174</b>	<b>6970</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2597</b>	<b>39</b>	

# **Early/Absentee and Questioned Ballots**

## ***Ballot Counting Schedule***

Tuesday, November 2, General Election Day	Early ballots voted through 11/1/2010
November 9 <sup>th</sup> – 7 day count	Remaining Early ballots, 1 <sup>st</sup> count of Absentee ballots, Questioned ballots that have been reviewed
November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Remaining Absentee and Questioned ballots
November 17 <sup>th</sup> – 15 day count	Special advance ballots

## **Early Voting**

Early voting is available at each of the four Regional Elections offices beginning 15 days prior to the election. A voter is eligible for early voting if the voter's registration record is current, the voter has registered at least 30 days prior to the election, and if the voter is registered in the regional jurisdiction. The difference between early and absentee in person is that an early voter's eligibility is verified at the time of voting through the division's voter registration system. The early voter's ballot is placed directly into the ballot box. Absentee in person ballots are placed inside an absentee envelope and are reviewed by an absentee ballot review board to determine the voter's eligibility prior to being opened and counted.

## **Absentee Voting**

Alaska law allows voters to vote absentee four ways: in person, by mail, by fax or by a special needs ballot. All voted absentee ballots are placed inside a special ballot envelope that contains information about the voter. The information provided by the voter on the ballot envelope is compared to the voter's registration information to determine the voter's eligibility. All absentee ballots are reviewed by a bi-partisan absentee ballot review board prior to being opened and counted.

### **Absentee Voting In Person**

Beginning 15 days before an election, voters may vote at an absentee voting site. Ballots for all 40 districts are available at all Regional Election offices. In addition to the Regional Elections offices, there are many other voting sites throughout Alaska that will have ballots for their house district. For more information or for a list of absentee voting locations visit our website or contact a Regional Elections office.

Absentee Voting By Mail - Absentee ballot applications can be submitted after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each election year. Voters may request a ballot for a specific election or for all elections in the year. Absentee by mail ballot applications for the General election must be received by October 23, 2010. Voters should apply early to ensure timely delivery of their ballot. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Special Advance Ballots - A voter who may be living, traveling or working outside the United States or in a remote area of Alaska may request a special advance ballot when applying for a by mail ballot. Special advance ballots are mailed beginning 60 days prior to the election. In addition to the special advance ballot, voters are mailed the official ballot. Voters are encouraged to vote and return both ballots. If both ballots are returned in time, only the official ballot is counted.

Absentee Voting By Fax - Voting by fax should be the voter's last alternative for casting a ballot. Voters may apply for fax voting October 18, 2010 through 5:00pm Alaska Time on November 1, 2010. Voters may return their voted fax ballot by mail or by fax. If a voter returns the voted ballot by fax, it must be received no later than 8:00pm Alaska Time on Election Day. If it is returned by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

#### Special Needs Voting

If a voter is unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability, the voter may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to the voter beginning 15 days before an election at an absentee voting site or on Election Day at the polling place. The voter's personal representative can be anyone over 18, except a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

### **Questioned Voting**

There are several reasons why a voter would be required to vote a questioned ballot: the voter's name is not on the precinct register; the voter does not have identification and is not personally known by an election board worker; the voter wants a General ballot type he or she is not eligible to vote; the voter's qualifications are questioned.

Before receiving a ballot, the voter must complete a questioned ballot envelope. The voted ballot is placed inside the completed envelope. The information the voter provides on the envelope will be used to determine the voter's eligibility. All questioned ballots are reviewed by a by-partisan questioned ballot review board prior to being opened and counted.

### **Counting Ballots**

The results from absentee, questioned and early ballots are included in the statewide summary report. In addition, the statement of votes cast includes a breakdown of the results in each House District. Following is a summary of ballot counting for absentee, questioned and early voted ballots:

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are counted by House District. As part of the review process and prior to counting absentee ballots, the division performs a cross-check of the names of absentee voters against the signed precinct registers to ensure the voter did not vote at the polls. Once this cross-check is complete and the ballots have been reviewed by the absentee ballot review board, the ballots can be opened and counted. Regional Elections offices are expected to conduct the first count of absentee ballots on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The regional office will then count again between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The statutory deadline for receiving and counting official absentee ballots is 15 days following the election. After all official ballots are counted, special advance ballots will be counted.

### Questioned Ballots

Questioned ballots are counted by House District. Questioned ballots from the entire district must first be reviewed by a questioned ballot review board prior to being counted. As part of the review process and prior to counting questioned ballots, the division performs a cross-check of the names of questioned ballot voters against the signed precinct registers to ensure the voter did not cast a ballot in the precinct he/she is registered and also vote a questioned ballot at another precinct. Once this cross-check is complete and the ballots have been reviewed by the questioned ballot review board, the ballots can be opened and counted. Questioned ballots are generally counted beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election and again between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The statutory deadline for counting questioned ballots is 15 days following the election.

### Early Voted Ballots

Regional offices count the early voted ballots that were voted prior to Election Day on election night. The early ballots that are voted on Election Day are counted by the regional office on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election.

## **“Close Race” Policy**

The Division of Elections first priority is to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to ensure that every absentee and questioned ballot receives thorough review to determine eligibility. It is our policy that all absentee and questioned ballots will be reviewed and processed by district in date order as they are received. Close races will be processed in accordance with this policy.

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# Alaska's Ballot Counting System

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## Your Vote is Secure!

Alaska uses three different methods to count ballots:

- ❖ Hand-count
- ❖ Optical Scan
- ❖ Touch Screen equipped with voter-verifiable paper audit trail

Each precinct receives paper ballots that are either hand-counted when the polls close or counted using an optical scan unit as the voter inserts the ballot into the optical scan. In addition, during federal elections, each precinct has a touch screen voting unit that is intended for use by blind, disabled, or those voters who may not be able to read.

Alaska uses GEMS 1.18.24 ballot tabulation software to program the memory cards used in the optical scan and touch screen voting units. The software is federally certified. GEMS computers in the Director's Office and the regional offices are stand alone computers that are not connected to the internet or a network.

Testing is performed on all optical scan and touch screen units and memory cards. A functionality test is conducted to ensure the equipment is in proper working order. A logic and accuracy test is performed on each memory card to ensure the programming is counting the ballots correctly.

**Hand-count** precincts are those precincts that are in rural areas of the state with few voters. After the polls close, the election boards tally the ballots using prepared tally books and then call in the results to the appropriate regional office. The regional offices then data enter the results into the regional GEMS computer and uploads the results to the GEMS system in the Director's Office via modem connection. **There are 133 hand-count precincts in Alaska.**

**Optical scan** precincts are those in the urban areas of the state or those that have a large number of voters. After the voter votes, the voter inserts his/her ballot into the optical scan unit which is attached to a ballot box. When the polls close, the election board ends the election and transmits the results via a telephone line directly to the GEMS system in the Director's Office. **There are 305 optical scan precincts in Alaska.**

**Touch screen** units used in Alaska have a voter verifiable paper trail that allows the voter to verify the printed version of the ballot prior to casting the ballot. When voting on a touch screen, the voter has the option of having the ballot on the screen and/or listen to an audio version of the ballot and using a keypad to make the selection. Like the optical scan, when the polls close, the election board ends the election on the touch screen and then transmit results either via telephone line (for optical scan precincts) or by calling in the results to the regional office (for hand-count precincts).

# Optical Scan and Hand Count Precincts

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## Region 1

Districts 1 – 5; 33 – 36

Southeast Alaska, Cordova, Kodiak Island and the Kenai Peninsula

### District 1

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
01-110	KETCHIKAN # 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-120	KETCHIKAN # 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-130	KETCHIKAN # 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-140	NORTH TONGASS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-150	NORTH TONGASS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-160	SAXMAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-170	SOUTH TONGASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-180	THORNE BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-185	COFFMAN COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 2

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
02-210	SITKA NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-220	SITKA NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-230	HALIBUT POINT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-240	SAWMILL CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-250	PETERSBURG-KUPREANOF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-260	WRANGELL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-285	PELICAN – ELFIN COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-295	PORT ALEXANDER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 3

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
03-300	DOUGLAS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-310	JUNEAU NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-320	JUNEAU NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-330	JUNEAU NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-340	JUNEAU NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-350	JUNEAU AIRPORT AREA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-360	LEMON CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-370	NORTH DOUGLAS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-380	SALMON CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-390	SWITZER CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 4

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
04-410	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-420	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-430	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-440	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-450	AUKE BAY-FRITZ COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-460	LYNN CANAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 5

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
05-500	ANGOON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-502	CORDOVA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-504	CRAIG	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-506	GUSTAVUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-510	HAINES NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-512	HAINES HIGHWAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-514	HOONAH	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-516	HYDABURG	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-518	KAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-525	KASAAN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
05-530	KLAWOCK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-535	KLUKWAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-540	METLAKATLA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-550	SKAGWAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-556	TATITLEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
05-565	TENAKEE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-570	YAKUTAT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 33

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
33-700	CENTRAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-710	KENAI NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-720	KENAI NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-730	KENAI NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-740	K BEACH	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-750	SOLDOTNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 34

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
34-810	FUNNY RIVER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-820	KASILOF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-830	MACKEY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-840	NIKISKI	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-850	NINILCHIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-870	SALAMATOFF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-880	STERLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 35

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
35-010	HOMER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-020	HOMER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-030	ANCHOR POINT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-040	BEAR CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-050	COOPER LANDING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-060	DIAMOND RIDGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-070	KACHEMAK BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-080	KACH CITY - FRITZ CR	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-090	MOOSE PASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-095	SELDOVIA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-098	SEWARD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 36

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
36-605	CHINIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-608	FLATS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-615	KODIAK ISLAND SOUTH	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-618	KODIAK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-620	KODIAK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-622	MISSION ROAD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-625	OLD HARBOR	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-635	OUZINKIE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-645	PORT LIONS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-655	ILIAMNA – NEWHALEN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-665	KOKHANOK – IGIUGIG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-676	LEVELOCK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-685	NONDALTON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-696	PEDRO BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen

## Region II

Districts 13-32

Greater Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Municipality of Anchorage,  
City of Whittier, Community of Hope

### District 13

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
13-005	FISHHOOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-010	GREATER PALMER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-015	LAKES	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-020	MAT-SU CAMPUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-025	PALMER, CITY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-027	PALMER, CITY NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-033	PALMER FISHHOOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-035	PIONEER PEAK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-040	TRUNK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-045	WALBY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 14

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
14-050	KINGS LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-055	KNIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-060	SCHROCK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-065	SEWARD MERIDIAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-070	WASILLA LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-075	WASILLA NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-080	WASILLA NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 15

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
15-100	BIG LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-103	HOUSTON, CITY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-105	KNIK-GOOSE BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-110	MEADOW LAKES NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-115	MEADOW LAKES NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-120	SUSITNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-125	TALKEETNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-130	TRAPPER CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-135	WILLOW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 16

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
16-140	BUTTE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-145	EKLUTNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-150	FAIRVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-155	LAZY MOUNTAIN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-160	PETERS CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-165	PETERS CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-170	SNOWSHOE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-175	SPRINGER LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 17

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
17-200	CHUGACH PARK NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-205	DWNTWN E. RIVER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-210	DWNTWN E. RIVER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-215	EAGLE RIVER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-220	EAGLE RIVER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-225	MEADOW CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-230	MEADOW CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 18

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
18-235	ELMENDORF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-240	FIRE LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-245	FT RICHARDSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-250	GOVERNMENT HILL NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-255	NORTH MULDOON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 19

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
19-300	CHENEY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-305	CREEKSIDE PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-310	MULDOON NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-315	MULDOON NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-320	MULDOON NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-325	MULDOON NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-330	NUNAKA VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 20

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
20-335	NORTHEAST ANCHORAGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-340	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-345	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-350	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-355	WONDER PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 21

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
21-400	BAXTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-405	CHESTER VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-410	CHUGACH FTHILLS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-415	CHUGACH FTHILLS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-420	REFLECTION LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-425	SCENIC PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 22

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
22-430	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-435	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-440	COLLEGE GATE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-445	EAST ANCHORAGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-450	RUSSIAN JACK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-455	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-460	UNIVERSITY NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-465	UNIVERSITY NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 23

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
23-500	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-505	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-510	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-515	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-520	FAIRVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-525	FIREWEED	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-530	GOVERNMENT HILL NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-535	MERRILL FIELD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

23-540	ROGERS PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
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### District 24

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
24-545	EAST DOWLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-550	FAR N. BICENTENNIAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-555	MIDTOWN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-560	MIDTOWN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-565	MIDTOWN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-570	TAKU	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-575	TUDOR	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 25

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
25-600	ARCTIC	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-605	CONNERS LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-610	NORTHWOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-615	SPENARD NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-620	SPENARD NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-625	SPENARD NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-630	WESTCHESTER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-635	WILLOWCREST NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-640	WILLOWCREST NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 26

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
26-645	INLET VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-650	INLET VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-655	LAKE HOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-660	LAKE SPENARD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-665	TURNAGAIN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-670	TURNAGAIN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-675	TURNAGAIN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-680	TURNAGAIN NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-685	WESTCHESTER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 27

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
27-700	DIMOND NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-705	JEWEL LAKE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-710	KINCAID	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-715	SAND LAKE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-720	SAND LAKE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-725	SAND LAKE NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 28

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
28-730	BAYSHORE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-735	CAMPBELL LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-740	JEWEL LAKE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-745	KLATT NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-750	OCEANVIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-755	SOUTHPORT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 29

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
29-800	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-805	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-810	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-815	DIMOND NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-820	DIMOND NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-825	INDPNDCENCE PARK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-830	INDPNDCENCE PARK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 30

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
30-835	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-840	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-845	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-850	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-855	LAUREL/DOWLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-860	LORE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-865	LORE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 31

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
31-900	HUFFMAN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-905	HUFFMAN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-910	HUFFMAN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-915	HUFFMAN NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-920	HUFFMAN NO. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-925	HUFFMAN NO. 6	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-930	HUFFMAN NO. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-935	HUFFMAN NO. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 32

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
32-940	BEAR VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-945	CENTENNIAL PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-950	CHUGACH PARK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

32-955	CHUGACH PARK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-960	GIRDWOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-965	GOLDEN VIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-970	HILAND	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-975	HOPE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-980	INDIAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-985	RABBIT CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-990	STUCKAGAIN HEIGHTS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-995	WHITTIER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### Region III

Districts 6-12

Greater Fairbanks, Interior Alaska, Richardson & Glenn Hwys, Valdez

#### District 6

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
06-505	ALLAKAKET	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-510	ANIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-515	ANVIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-520	ARCTIC VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-525	BEAVER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-530	BETTLES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-533	CENTRAL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-537	CHISTOCHINA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-540	CHUATHBALUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-542	CIRCLE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-543	COPPER CENTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-545	CROOKED CREEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-546	DELTANA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-547	DOT LAKE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-550	EAGLE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-555	FORT YUKON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-557	GAKONA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-560	GALENA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-565	GRAYLING	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-570	HOLY CROSS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-575	HUGHES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-580	HUSLIA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-590	KALTAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-593	KENNY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-595	KOYUKUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-605	MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-607	MARSHALL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-610	MCGRATH	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-613	MENTASTA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-615	MINTO	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-620	NENANA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-625	NIKOLAI	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-627	NORTHWAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-630	NULATO	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-650	RUBY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-655	RUSSIAN MISSION	Hand Count, Touch Screen

06-660	SHAGELUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-665	SLEETMUTE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-675	STEVENS VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-680	TAKOTNA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-683	TANACROSS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-685	TANANA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-687	TETLIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-688	TOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-695	TYONEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-700	VENETIE	Hand Count, Touch Screen

### District 7

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
07-210	CHATANIKA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-225	FARMERS LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-230	FOX	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-235	GOLDSTREAM NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-240	SHANLY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-245	STEELE CREEK/GILMORE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-250	STEESE EAST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-255	STEESE WEST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-260	TWO RIVERS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 8

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
08-100	ANDERSON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-110	CANTWELL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-115	CHENA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-120	CLEAR	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-125	DENALI PARK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-130	ESTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-132	GEIST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-134	GOLDSTREAM NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-136	HEALY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-138	PIKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-140	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-143	UNIVERSTIY HILLS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-145	UNIVERSITY WEST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 9

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
09-305	AIRPORT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-310	AURORA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-320	FAIRBANKS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-330	FAIRBANKS NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-335	FAIRBANKS NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-340	FAIRBANKS NO. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-345	FAIRBANKS NO. 6	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-350	FAIRBANKS NO. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-353	FAIRBANKS NO. 10	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 10

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
10-325	FAIRBANKS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-355	FAIRBANKS NO. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-360	FAIRBANKS NO. 9	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-365	FORT WAINWRIGHT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-367	LAKEVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 11

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
11-400	BADGER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-405	BADGER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-410	CHENA LAKES	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-415	MOOSE CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-420	NEWBY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-425	NORTH POLE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-430	PLACK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-435	RICHARDSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 12

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
12-010	BIG DELTA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-020	DELTA JUNCTION	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-025	EIELSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-030	FARM LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-031	GLENNALLEN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-035	SALCHA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-043	SHEEP MOUNTAIN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-047	SUTTON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-050	VALDEZ NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-055	VALDEZ NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-060	VALDEZ NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

## Region IV

Districts 37-40

Nome, Barrow, The North & West Coasts & the Aleutian Islands

### District 37

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
37-700	AKUTAN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-702	ALEKNAGIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-704	ALEUTIANS NO. 1	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-706	ALEUTIANS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-708	CHIGNIKS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-710	CLARKS POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-712	COLD BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen

37-714	DILLINGHAM	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-716	EGEGIK – PILOT POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-718	EKWOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-720	KING COVE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-722	KING SALMON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-724	KOLIGANEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-726	MANOKOTAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-728	NAKNEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-730	NEW STUYAHOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-732	PORT HEIDEN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-734	SAND POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-736	SOUTH NAKNEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-738	ST. GEORGE ISLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-740	ST. PAUL ISLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-742	TOGIAK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

### District 38

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
38-800	AKIACHAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-802	AKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-804	ATMAUTLUAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-806	BETHEL NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-808	BETHEL NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-810	BETHEL NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-812	CHEFORNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-814	EEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-816	GOODNEWS BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-818	KALSKAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-820	KASIGLUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-822	KIPNUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-824	KONGIANAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-826	KWETHLUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-828	KWIGILLINGOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-830	LOWER KALSKAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-832	MEKORYUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-834	NAPAKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-836	NAPASKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-838	NEWTOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-840	NIGHTMUTE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-842	NUNAPITCHUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-844	QUINHAGAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-846	TOKSOOK BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-848	TULUKSAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-850	TUNTUTULIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-852	TUNUNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen

### District 39

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
39-900	ALAKANUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen

39-902	BREVIG MISSION	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-904	CHEVAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-906	DIOMEDE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-908	ELIM	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-910	EMMONAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-912	GAMBELL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-914	GOLOVIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-916	HOOPER BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-918	KOTLIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-920	KOYUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-922	MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-924	NOME NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-926	NOME NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-928	NUNAM IQUA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-930	PILOT STATION	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-932	PITKAS POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-934	SAVOONGA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-936	SCAMMON BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-938	SHAKTOOLIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-940	ST. MARY'S	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-942	ST. MICHAEL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-944	STEBBINS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-946	TELLER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-948	UNALAKLEET	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-950	WALES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-952	WHITE MOUNTAIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen

### District 40

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
40-002	AMBLER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-004	ANAKTUVIK PASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-006	ATQASUK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-008	BARROW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-010	BROWERVILLE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-012	BUCKLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-014	DEERING	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-016	KAKTOVIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-018	KIANA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-020	KIVALINA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-022	KOBUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-024	KOTZEBUE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-026	NOATAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-028	NOORVIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-030	NUIQSUT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-032	POINT HOPE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-034	POINT LAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-038	SELAWIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-040	SHISHMAREF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-042	SHUNGNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-044	WAINWRIGHT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

**General Election Voter Turnout**  
**Statehood – 2008**

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Actual Votes Cast in General Election	% of Registered Voters who Voted in General
1958		50,343	
1960		62,177	
1962		60,084	
1964		68,858	
1966		67,361	
1968		84,902	
1970		82,405	
1972		98,581	
1974		98,557	
1976	207,190	127,877	61.7%
1978	238,434	129,705	54.4%
1980	258,742	162,653	62.9%
1982	266,224	199,358	74.9%
1984	305,262	213,173	69.8%
1986	292,274	182,526	62.5%
1988	292,441	203,433	69.6%
1990	300,467	197,540	65.7%
1992	315,058	261,427	83.0%
1994	336,226	216,668	64.4%
1996	414,817	245,212	59.1%
1998	453,332	227,156	50.1%
2000	473,648	287,825	60.8%
2002	460,855	232,852	50.5%
2004	472,160	314,502	66.6%
2006	466,258	238,307	51.1%
2008	495,731	327,341	66.03%

Note: The numbers of registered voters in Alaska from 1958-1974 are unavailable. Therefore percentages of voters who voted in General Elections before 1976 cannot be determined.

# Election Recount Statutes

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The Division of Elections has included on this page and the following pages, sections in Title 15 that pertain to the election recount process.

## **Sec. 15.20.430. Authorization of recount application.**

(a) A defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters who believe there has been a mistake made by an election official or by the counting board in counting the votes in an election, may file an application within five days after the completion of the state review to the director for a recount of the votes from any particular precinct or any house district and for any particular office, proposition, or question. However, the application may be filed only within three days after the completion of the state review after the general election for a recount of votes cast for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. If there is a tie vote as provided in AS 15.15.460, the director shall initiate the recount and give notice to the interested parties as provided in AS 15.20.470.

(b) The date on which the director receives an application rather than the date of mailing or transmission determines whether the application is filed within the time allowed under (a) of this section. If the actual physical delivery by telegram of a copy in substance of the statements made in the application for recount is received in the office of the director at or before 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard time on the due date, the application will be accepted; providing the original signed application is postmarked at or before 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard time of the same day.

## **Sec. 15.20.440. Form of application.**

(a) The application shall state in substance the basis of the belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct or election district for which the recount is to be held, the particular office, proposition, or question for which the recount is to be held, and that the person making the application is a candidate or that the 10 persons making the application are qualified voters. The candidate or persons making the application shall designate by full name and mailing address two persons who shall represent the applicant and be present and assist during the recount. Any person may be named representative, including the candidate or any person signing the application. Applications by 10 qualified voters shall also include the designation of one of the number as chair. The candidate or persons making the application shall sign the application and shall print or type their full name and mailing address.

(b) Candidates, political parties, or organized groups having a direct interest in a recount and who are seeking to protect their interests during a recount may provide, at their own expense, two or more observers to witness the recount.

## **Sec. 15.20.450. Requirement of deposit.**

The application must include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$1,000 for each precinct, \$2,000 for each house district, and \$15,000 for the entire state. If the recount includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the difference between the number of votes cast was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit, and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount, a candidate other than the candidate who received the original election certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in favor of or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

**Sec. 15.20.460. Determination of date of recount.**

If the director determines that the application is substantially in the required form, the director shall fix the date of the recount to be held within three days after the receipt of an application requesting a recount of the general election votes cast for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and within five days after the receipt of an application requesting a recount for any other office, question, or proposition.

**Sec. 15.20.470. Requirement of notice.**

The director shall give the candidate or designated chairperson signing the application, the two or more persons appointed to represent the applicant during the recount, and other directly interested parties, notice of the time and place of the recount by certified mail, telegraph, telephone, or facsimile.

**Sec. 15.20.480. Procedure for recount.**

In conducting the recount, the director shall review all ballots, whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by computer or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot counting board, to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount, and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct certificate, and the review. The director shall count absentee ballots received before the completion of the recount. For administrative purposes, the director may join and include two or more applications in a single review and count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of ballots shall be followed in the recount when a ballot is challenged on the basis of a question regarding the voter's intent to vote for the candidate, proposition, or question. The ballots and other election material must remain in the custody of the director during the recount, and the highest degree of care shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The director may employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

**Sec. 15.20.490. Certification of results.**

If it is determined by recount that the plurality of votes was cast for a candidate, the director shall issue a certificate of election or nomination to the elected or nominated candidate as determined by the recount. If it is determined by the recount that a proposition or question should be certified as having received the required vote, the director shall so certify except that the lieutenant governor shall so certify if the proposition or question involves an initiative, a referendum, or a constitutional amendment.

**Sec. 15.20.500. Authorization for expanding recount. [Repealed, Sec. 6 ch 26 SLA 1966].**

Repealed or Renumbered

**Sec. 15.20.510. Provision for appeal to courts.**

A candidate or any person who requested a recount who has reason to believe an error has been made in the recount (1) involving any question or proposition or the validity of any ballot may appeal to the superior court in accordance with applicable court rules governing appeals in civil matters, and (2) involving candidates for the legislature or Congress or the office of governor and lieutenant governor may appeal to the supreme court in accordance with rules as may be adopted by the court. Appeal shall be filed within five days of the completion of the recount. Upon order of the court, the director shall furnish the record of the recount taken, including all ballots, registers, and other election material and papers pertaining to the election contest. The appeal shall be heard by the court sitting without a jury. The inquiry in the appeal shall extend to the questions whether or not the director has properly determined what ballots, parts of ballots, or marks for candidates on ballots are valid, and to which candidate or division on the question or proposition the vote should be attributed. The court shall enter judgment either setting aside, modifying, or affirming the action of the director on recount.

**Sec. 15.20.520. Provision for appeal to legislature or Congress.**

A candidate or persons who requested a recount, who have reason to believe an error has been made in the recount involving a candidate for the general election for the state legislature or Congress, may appeal to the chamber in which the candidate seeks membership in accordance with applicable rules of the legislature or Congress. Upon request of the legislature or Congress, the director shall furnish the record of the recount taken including all ballots, registers, and other election material and papers pertaining to the election contest.

**Sec. 15.20.530. Determination of tie votes.**

If after a recount and appeal two or more candidates tie in having the highest number of votes for the same office, the director shall notify the candidates who are tied. The director shall notify the candidates of a reasonably suitable time and place to determine the successful candidate by lot. After the determination has been made by lot, the director shall so certify.

# Election Recount Statistics

## Recounts That Broke a Tie or Changed the Election Results

Election & Candidates	Original Results	Recount Results
<b>1958 Senate District B (2 year Term)</b> William K. Boardman W.O. "Bo" Smith*	1953 1953	1947 1949
<b>1972 Primary – House District 15</b> Gertrude B. "Bergie" Leen (R) R.J. Murran (R)*	171 171	175 187
<b>1978 General – Senate District F</b> Tim Kelly (R)* Ed Willis (D)	4409 4413	4437 4432
<b>1998 General – House District 36</b> Irene K. Nicholia (D) Carl M. Morgan, Jr (R)*	2319 2319	2319 2325
<b>2006 Primary – House District 37</b> Carl Moses (D) Bryce Edgmon (D)* *An appeal through the court system resulted in a tie vote with 767 votes for each candidate. A coin toss determined Bryce Edgmon as the winner	764 765	765 764

\*This candidate won following the recount.

## Recounts That Upheld the Certified Election Results

Primary Elections and Candidates
1974 Primary – House District 16: Nels A. Anderson (D)*, Joe McGill (D)
1978 Primary – Governor: Jay Hammond (R)*, Chancy Croft (D), Edward Merdes (D), Walter Hickel (R)
1982 Primary – Senate District J: David McCracken (R)*, Jack Goddard
1982 Primary – House District 23: Daniel E. Fondell (R)*, Diane T. Hemnes (R)
1982 Primary – House District 24: F. Kay Wallace (R)*, Bob Juettner (R)
1984 Primary – House District 12: Mary Ratcliff (D)*, Henry Lancaster (D), Bob Childers (D)
1984 Primary – House District 14: Marco Pignalberi (R)*, Ramona Barnes (R)
1986 Primary – Senate District F, Seat B: Jan Faiks (R)*, Arndt Von Hippel (R)
1992 Primary – House District 32: Al Vezey (R)*, Urban Rahoï (R), Joe Ryan (R)
1996 Primary – House District 21: Ann Spohnholz (D)*, Sharon M. Cissna (D)
1998 Primary – House District 31: Valerie Therrien (D)*, Tonya Brown (D)
1998 Primary – Senate District R: Scott Smith (R)*, Phyllis Tate (R)
2006 Primary – Senate District S: Willy Keppel (R), Norman Ayagalria (R)*
2010 Primary – House District 12: Eric Feige (R)*, Don Haase (R), Pete Fellman (R)
2010 Primary – House District 18: Dan Saddler (R)*, Bill Cook (R), Dan Kendall (R)

\*This candidate won following the recount.

<b>General Elections and Candidates</b>
1972 General - House District 10: Willard L. Bowman (D)*, Richard L. McVeigh (D), Leo Schachle (R)
1974 General – Governor/Lt. Governor: Jay S. Hammond/Lowell Thomas, Jr. (R)*, William A. “Bill” Egan/H.A. “Red” Boucher (D), Joseph E. Vogler/Wayne M. Peppler (AIP)
1974 General – House District 18: Jimmy Huntington (R)*, Martin Moore (D)
1976 General - House District 9: Joe McKinnon (D)*, Tom Weiss (R)
1976 General - House District 16: Nels Anderson (D)*, Joe McGill (D)
1980 General - House District 6: Pat Carney (D)*, Max Elliot (R)
1980 General - House District 7: Mike Beirne (R)*, Virginia dal Piaz (D)
1980 General - House District 9: Thelma Buchholdt (D)*, Jim Kubitz (D)
1980 General - House District 13: Hugh Malone (D)*, Milo Fritz (R)
1980 General - House District 16: Joseph Chuckwuk (D)*, Dan O’Hara (R)
1980 General - House District 20: Sally Smith (D)*, Niilo Emil Koponen (D)
1982 General - Senate District D: Paul Fischer (R)*, Philip J. Smith (D)
1982 General - House District 12: Rick Uehling (R)*, Virginia dal Piaz (D)
1984 General - House District 5 Seat A: Mike Navarre (D)*, John Davis (L), Merrill Sikorski (R)
1990 General - House District 13 Seat B: Terry Martin (R)*, Ann Spohnholz (D)
1992 General - House District 1: William Williams (D)*, Carrol Fader (R)
1992 General - House District 11: Jim Nordlund (D)*, Norman Rokeberg (R)
1994 General – Governor/Lt. Governor: Jim Campbell/Mike Miller (R), Tony Knowles/Fran Ulmer (D)*
1996 General - House District 13: Berkowitz, Ethan (D)*, Sullivan, Casey (R)
1996 General - House District 21: Ryan, Joe (R)*, Morgan, Barbara J. (NL)
1998 General - House District 35: John L. Harris (R)*, Thomas Van Brocklin (D)
2002 General – House District 32: Mike Hawker (R)*, Patricia Abney
2004 General – United States Senator: Lisa Murkowski (R)*, Tony Knowles (D)
2004 General – House District 5: William Thomas (R) *, Tim June (D)
2008 General – House District 7: Karl Kassel (D), Mike Kelly (R)*