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Juneau - The bi-partisan State Ballot Review Board completed its final review of all election materials and certified the Primary Election today in Juneau. Official results are now posted on the Division's website. While the Division's goal was to certify last week, we wanted to ensure every possible detail was attended to in order to give Alaskans full confidence in the Division's final tally of the results.

On Friday afternoon, the Division continued to receive election materials from House District 40, including two questioned ballots from Anaktuvuk Pass and 14 voted in-person absentee ballots from Barrow. The State Ballot Review Board reviewed, opened and counted those ballots and added them to the official results. The final tally for the House District 40 race is Dean Westlake with 819 votes and Ben Nageak with 815 votes.

Now that the election is certified, a defeated candidate or ten qualified voters may apply for a recount. Because the difference between the number of votes cast was 20 or less, the state will bear the cost of any recount.