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PFD Automatic Voter Registration Mailer Distributed to Alaskans this week

JUNEAU – An estimated 89,000 Alaska residents will receive information about their Permanent Fund Dividend Automatic Voter Registration this week.

The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) sent out its first round of opt-out notices for either those who have newly registered to vote or who are updating their residential addresses. These notices are a requirement as part of implementing a ballot measure approved by Alaska voters in November of 2016. The law became effective in March of last year.

Under the law, DOE must send a notice to Alaskans allowing them the opportunity to opt-out of the registration process. The notice allows recipients 30 days to either decline voter registration or update their voter registration record.

Recipients who do not return the opt-out notice or notify the division of their intent to opt-out within 30 days after the mailer was sent, will be processed as either a newly registered voter or their voter registration record will be updated with the address provided to the Permanent Fund Division during the 2018 application process.

“Alaska voters made their decision clear when they approved the PFD Automatic Voter Registration ballot measure in 2016 and we are working to ensure citizens have adequate time to opt-out if they wish,” said state elections director Josie Bahnke.

For more information about the Permanent Fund Dividend Automatic Voter Registration, please visit the State of Alaska Division of Elections website: <http://elections.alaska.gov/>

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