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Alaska to Cast Electoral College Votes for President and Vice-President

When Alaska's Electoral College members meet, they will be casting a historic vote for President and Vice-President of the United States; a vote that includes Alaska's Governor, Sarah Palin, for Vice-President.

Each state gets a number of electors equal to its United States Congressional representation. Alaska has three electors. The electors from the state cast the Electoral College vote which ultimately elects the President and Vice-President of the United States.

Along with the rest of the nation, Alaska's electors will meet Monday, December 15, 2008 to cast their electoral votes. In Alaska, political parties select their electors and submit the names to the Division of Elections. Alaska's electors are Roy Burkhart, Hope Nelson and Robert Brodie. The electors represent the political party of the Presidential candidate who won the popular vote in Alaska, which for 2008, is the Alaska Republican Party. Under state law, each elector must "pledge" that as an elector, the person will cast his or her electoral vote for the candidate of the party. So, for 2008, Alaska's electors will cast a vote for our Governor for Vice-President of the United States.

On December 15th, the electoral vote will be cast at 11:00 a.m. in Juneau at the Centennial Hall Convention Center, Ballroom #3. The address is 101 Egan Drive, Juneau. The media and public are welcome to attend this historic event. The facility has seating for approximately 300 people. The doors will open at approximately 10:30 a.m. The Division of Elections is sending an invitation to all current and newly elected legislators as well as Juneau's Mayor, Bruce Botelho. The Division is expecting several students from the Juneau Schools and the University of Alaska Southeast to be present as special guests to observe the voting.

Presiding at the meeting of the Electors will be Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell.

Media Note: There will be a special area in the Ballroom for media representatives. Please contact Derron at Centennial Hall, 586-5283, to reserve space. We suggest you arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.