

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Division of Elections proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 6 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the conduct of elections, including the following:

- (1) **6 AAC 25.070. Write-in candidates; use of sticker**, is proposed to be changed to allow a write-in candidate list be made available at the polling place to provide assistance to voters.
- (2) **6 AAC 25.085. Counting of write-in votes in general election**, is proposed to be repealed. The reason for repeal is that the process for counting of write-in votes was established in Alaska Statute (AS) 15.15.360 and 15.15.365 in 2011.
- (3) **6 AAC 25.145. Tracking political affiliation on voter registration and absentee ballot application forms**, is proposed to be changed to clarify the division's procedure for updating voter registration forms.
- (4) **6 AAC 25.505. Application for absentee by-mail ballot**, is proposed to be changed to change the term "special advance ballot" to "special absentee ballot".
- (5) **6 AAC 25.590. By-mail election**, is proposed to be changed to remove the requirement to include the list of absentee voting locations with the by-mail ballot package since this information is included in the advance notice sent to voters.
- (6) **6 AAC 25.660. Special absentee ballot**, is proposed to be changed to clarify the timeframe when the special absentee ballot is sent to voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and to all other voters who do not fall under the UOCAVA category, including changing the section title from "special advance ballot" to "special absentee ballot," and making the corresponding changes of the term in the section.
- (7) **6 AAC 25.670. Federal write-in ballot**, is proposed to change the term "special advance ballot" to "special absentee ballot".
- (8) **6 AAC 25.672. Special absentee ballots for federal races**, is proposed to be changed to clarify the timeframe when the special absentee ballot is sent to federal only voters who fall under the UOCAVA definition, including changing the term "special advance ballot" to "special absentee ballot".
- (9) **6 AAC 25.680. Absentee voting by electronic transmission**, is proposed to be changed to clarify the timeframe when a voter may apply for an electronic ballot and to allow for online delivery of absentee ballots.
- (10) **6 AAC 25.685. Replacement of absentee by-mail ballot by electronic transmission**, is proposed to be changed to clarify the timeframe for requesting a replacement absentee ballot and to allow voters to request an emergency replacement ballot by electronic transmission and to return a replacement ballot by electronic transmission.

- (11) **6 AAC 25.686. Delivery of official absentee ballot to voters under Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)**, is a proposed new section to establish the director will send the official absentee ballot to UOCAVA voters no later than 45 days before Election Day as required under UOCAVA.
- (12) **6 AAC 25.990. Definitions**, is proposed to be changed to establish definitions for terms used in 6 AAC 25, including a definition for "electronic transmission."

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Becky Weimer, Division of Elections at P.O. Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017, email to [becky.weimer@alaska.gov](mailto:becky.weimer@alaska.gov) or fax to (907) 465-3203. The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Becky Weimer at (907) 465-2874 no later than March 1, 2012 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Becky Weimer, Division of Elections, P.O. Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017, telephone (907) 465-2874, or go to [http://www.elections.alaska.gov/news\\_pn.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/news_pn.php).

After the public comment period ends, the Division of Elections will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 15.05.011, AS 15.07.050, AS 15.07.070, AS 15.15.010, AS 15.15.030, AS 15.15.330, AS 15.15.360, AS 15.15.361, AS 15.20.030, AS 15.20.061, AS 15.20.066, AS 15.20.072, AS 15.20.081, AS 15.20.082, AS 15.20.203, AS 15.20.225, AS 15.20.800, AS 15.20.900, AS 15.45.060, AS 15.45.110, AS 15.45.130, AS 15.80.008

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 15.05.011; AS 15.05.014; AS 15.07.195; AS 15.20.061; AS 15.20.066; AS 15.20.082

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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