

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. The following regulations are proposed to be changed as follows:

- 6 AAC 25.035(d) – Increases state ballot counting review boards' hourly wage from \$14.50 to \$25.
- 6 AAC 25.035(m) – Adds payment for on-call or regional Language Assistance Workers.
- 6 AAC 25.040(c) – Adds requirements for maintaining security of electronic voting equipment.
- 6 AAC 25.045(1) – Clarifies requirement to certify and perform logic and accuracy test of the Accu-Vote counting program.
- 6 AAC 25.045(2) – Clarifies requirement to perform a second logic and accuracy test of the Accu-Vote counting program.
- 6 AAC 25.145(b) – Corrects typographical error and updates division's web site address.
- 6 AAC 25.200(c) – Amends procedure for hand-count verification of recount results.
- 6 AAC 25.200(d) – Clarifies procedure for recount of ballots cast on the Direct Recording Electronic voting system.
- 6 AAC 25.203 – Adds a new section on Hand-Count Verification of Election Results.
- 6 AAC 25.505 – Repealed and readopted to read with substance of the previous (I) deleted. Section renumbered.
- 6 AAC 25.660(b) – Period to request special advance ballot changed from 32 to 28 days before election.
- 6 AAC 25.670(a) – Clarifies language regarding federal write-in ballot.
- 6 AAC 25.670(b) – Clarifies language regarding completing the federal write-in ballot.
- 6 AAC 25.672(2)(b) –Deadline for special advance ballot changed from 32 to 28 days before election.
- 6 AAC 25.680(f) – Amends record-keeping requirements for absentee ballot by electronic transmission.
- 6 AAC 25.684 – Adds a new section on Absentee by-mail ballot mailing address.
- 6 AAC 25.690(b) – Clarifying language on deadline for candidate biographical information and candidate's advocacy statement for inclusion in the election pamphlet.
- 6 AAC 25.690(c)(8) – Changes requirement from Date of Birth to Age for candidate biographical information.
- 6 AAC 25.690(e) – Adds a new subsection requiring full payment for submission in the election pamphlet.
- 6 AAC 25.700(b) – Clarifying language on deadline for judicial retention candidate information for election pamphlets.
- 6 AAC 25.700(c)(6) – Changes requirement from Date of Birth to Age for judicial retention candidate biographical information.
- 6 AAC 25.710(a) – Sets out who is authorized to provide statements advocating voter approval or rejection of initiatives or referendums.
- 6 AAC 25.710 – Adds a new subsection explaining that the Division of Elections is a neutral agency and takes no position on initiative or referendum advocacy statements .

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, P.O. Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017. The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 19, 2009.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this

process, please contact Alexa Tonkovich at (907) 465-4611 no later than August 12, 2009 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.php>.

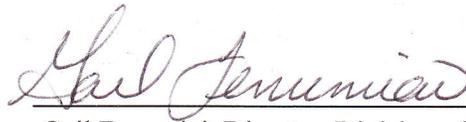
After the public comment period ends, the Division of Elections will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 15.07.200, AS 15.15.010, AS 15.20.066, AS 15.20.900, AS 15.45.245, AS 15.45.465, AS 15.58.090

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 15.05.011; AS 15.05.014; AS 15.07.100; AS 15.10.110; AS 15.15.010; AS 15.15.030; AS 15.15.360; AS 15.15.370; AS 15.15.380; AS 15.15.480; AS 15.20.030; AS 15.20.066; AS 15.20.081; AS 15.20.082; AS 15.20.170; AS 15.20.190; AS 15.20.201; AS 15.20.203; AS 15.20.205; AS 15.20.220; AS 15.20.225; AS 15.20.430; AS 15.20.480; AS 15.20.900; AS 15.58.020; AS 15.58.030; AS 15.58.090; AS 15.58.030; AS 15.60.008

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

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The Division of Elections keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. The Division sends a copy of Notices of Proposed Division Regulations to those on the list. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to Becky Weimer PO Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811, fax: (907) 465-3203 or by email to becky.weimer@alaska.gov.