
FILING FOR OFFICE A HANDBOOK FOR CANDIDATES

STATE OF ALASKA
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Division of Elections
2016



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STATE OF ALASKA
Division of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to seek public office. The Division of Elections has prepared this handbook to assist you with the process of filing for office.

This handbook includes:

- statutory deadlines
- directory of the Division of Elections, Alaska Public Offices Commission, and the Federal Election Commission
- qualifications for holding office
- details on recognized and limited political parties and political groups in Alaska
- Official Election Pamphlet (OEP) information
- other helpful information

This booklet is also available online at www.elections.alaska.gov.

If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josie Bahnke".

Josie Bahnke
Director

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS DIRECTORY

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www.elections.alaska.gov

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By-Mail, Electronic Voting and Petition Programs
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2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Rm. 128
Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4149
Anchorage Office: (907) 276-4176
Juneau Office: (907) 465-4864
Toll Free: 1-800-478-4176

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999 E Street, N.W.
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TDD: (202) 219-3336

Website: www.fec.gov

2016 IMPORTANT DATES

Check the Division of Elections website for a current calendar: www.elections.alaska.gov

- Fri., 01/01/16 Voters may begin to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot for all elections in the 2016 calendar year.
- Wed., 06/01/16 **Filing deadline for both party and no-party candidates.** Party candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" and appropriate Financial Disclosure Statement for any office appearing on the Primary Election ballot. No-party candidates must file a "Filing Notification" and Financial Disclosure Statement by this date. Election offices will be open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. AS 15.25.040, AS 15.25.150
- Mon., 06/13/16 Last day to file a complaint with the Division of Elections regarding the eligibility of a candidate. AS 15.25.042 and 6 AAC 25.260 (Since the 10th day falls on a Saturday, the deadline is moved to the next business day.)
- Thur., 06/16/16 Candidates who faxed filing materials to the Division of Elections by the June 1st deadline must have their mailed documents received by the Division of Elections by this date. AS 15.25.040(a)(2)
- Mon., 06/27/16 Last day for candidates to withdraw their names from Primary Election ballot. AS 15.25.055
- Wed., 06/29/16 Division certifies the Primary Election ballot for the printer.
- Sun., 07/17/16 **Final date for citizens to register to vote or update their current registration for the Primary Election.** Last day voters may change their party affiliation for the Primary Election. AS 15.07.070(d), AS 15.25.060(b)
- Fri., 07/22/16 **Candidate deadline for Official Election Pamphlet information material.** Candidates submit materials to the Division of Elections for the state's 2016 General Election voter pamphlet. AS 15.58.030
- Mon., 08/01/16 **Filing deadline for judges seeking retention.** Candidates for judicial retention must file a Declaration of Candidacy for Retention and Financial Disclosure Statement. AS 15.35.040, AS 15.35.055, AS 15.35.070, AS 15.35.110, AS 39.50.020
- Sat., 08/06/16 **Final date for voters to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot for the 2016 Primary Election.** AS 15.20.081(b)
- Mon., 08/08/16 **Judicial retention deadline for Official Election Pamphlet information material.** Judges and the Judicial Council submit materials to the Division of Elections for the state's 2016 General Election voter pamphlet. AS 15.58.030(g), AS 15.58.050 (Since the 7th of August falls on a Sunday, the deadline is moved to the next business day.)
- Tues., 08/16/16 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY.** AS 15.25.020
- Tues., 08/16/16 **Filing deadline for no-party candidates to submit petition signatures.** No-party candidates must submit petition signatures by this date by 5:00 p.m. Alaska time. AS 15.25.150

2016 IMPORTANT DATES (continued)

- Fri., 08/26/16 Division of Elections must receive absentee ballots mailed from within the United States. AS 15.20.081(e)
- Fri., 08/26/16 Division of Elections must receive absentee ballots mailed from outside the United States. AS 15.20.081(h)
- Wed., 08/31/16 Last day the Division of Elections may count absentee ballots for the Primary Election. AS 15.20.201(c)
- Wed., 08/31/16 Last day the Division of Elections may count questioned ballots for the Primary Election. AS 15.20.205(c)
- Tues., 09/06/16 Last day for candidates to withdraw their names from the General Election ballot. AS 15.25.200, AS 15.35.135 (Since the 64th day before the General Election falls on the Labor Day holiday, the deadline is moved to the next business day.)
- Tues., 09/06/16 Deadline for filling vacancies by party petition. AS 15.25.110 (Since the 64th day before the General Election falls on the Labor Day holiday, the deadline is moved to the next business day.)
- Tues., 09/06/16 **Target date for the Division of Elections to certify the Primary Election.**
- Thurs., 09/08/16 Division certifies the General Election ballot for the printer.
- Sun., 10/09/16 **Final date for citizens to register to vote or update their current registration for the General Election.** AS 15.07.070(d)
- Mon., 10/17/16 Division mails the General Election *Official Election Pamphlet* to voters statewide. AS 15.58.080
- Sat., 10/29/16 **Final date for voters to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot for the 2016 General Election.** AS 15.20.081(b)
- Thur., 11/03/16 **Filing deadline for write-in candidates.** Write-in candidates must submit Letter of Intent by this date prior to 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time. AS 15.25.105(13)(c)
- Tues., 11/08/16 **GENERAL ELECTION DAY.** AS 15.15.020
- Fri., 11/18/16 Division of Elections must receive absentee ballots mailed from within the United States. AS 15.20.081(e)
- Wed., 11/23/16 Division of Elections must receive absentee ballots mailed from outside the United States. AS 15.20.081(h)
- Wed., 11/23/16 Last day the Division of Elections may count absentee ballots for the General Election. AS 15.20.201(c)
- Wed., 11/23/16 Last day the Division of Elections may count questioned ballots for the General Election. AS 15.20.205(c)
- Tues., 11/29/16 **Target date for the Division of Elections to certify the General Election.**

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2016

United States President and Vice President
(4 Year Term)

One United States Senate Seat
(6 Year Term)

One United States House of Representative Seat
(2 Year Term)

10 State Senate Seats

B, D, F, H, J, L, N, P, R, T (4 Year Term)

40 State House of Representatives Seats
(All seats are 2 Year Terms)

Judicial Candidates Scheduled for Retention in 2016

Candidate filing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Primary Election is Tuesday, August 16, 2016

General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016

QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE

1. **Statewide Candidates** are those seeking the office of United States Senator, United States Representative, Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The qualifications for these offices are as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATOR

- 30 years of age;
- citizen of the United States for 9 years; and
- an inhabitant of the state from which elected.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

- 25 years of age;
- a citizen of the United States for 7 years; and
- an inhabitant of the state from which elected.

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- 30 years of age on the first Monday in December following election;
- citizen of the United States for at least 7 years;
- qualified voter of the State of Alaska; and
- resident of Alaska at least 7 years immediately preceding filing for office.

2. **Districtwide Candidates** are those seeking the office of State Senator or State Representative. The qualifications for these offices are as follows:

STATE SENATOR

- 25 years of age on the first scheduled day of the first regular session of the legislature convened after the election;
- 3 year resident of Alaska;
- 1 year resident of the district from which elected immediately preceding filing for office; and
- qualified voter of the State of Alaska.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- 21 years of age on the first scheduled day of the first regular session of the legislature convened after the election;
- 3 year resident of Alaska;
- 1 year resident of the district from which elected immediately preceding filing for office; and
- qualified voter of the State of Alaska.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN ALASKA

RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES IN ALASKA – AS 15.80.010 (27)

A "political party" means an organized group of voters that represents a political program and:

- a) that nominated a candidate for governor who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for governor at the preceding general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for governor at the preceding general election;
- b) if the office of governor was not on the ballot at the preceding general election but the office of United States senator was on that ballot, that nominated a candidate for United States senator who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States senator at that general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States senator at that general election; or
- c) if neither the office of governor nor the office of United States senator was on the ballot at the preceding general election, that nominated a candidate for United States representative who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States representative at that general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States representative at that general election.

The 2014 General Election included the gubernatorial race. Political groups will be recognized as a political party if they received three percent of the total votes cast for governor or if they have registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for governor (8,399 until the 2016 General Election).

Candidates of a recognized political party file a Declaration of Candidacy to participate in primary elections as required by AS 15.25.030. The successful candidate from each political party for each office appears on the general election ballot.

The following parties are currently recognized political parties in Alaska:

ALASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mike Wenstrup, Chair
2602 Fairbanks Street
Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: (907) 258-3050
Fax: (907) 258-1626
Email: info@alaskademocrats.org
Web Site: <http://www.alaskademocrats.org>

ALASKA LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Robert E. Clift, Chair
200 West 34th Ave #543
Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: (907) 748-6323
Email: robcliftalaska@gmail.com
Web Site: <http://www.alaskalibertarian.com>

ALASKA REPUBLICAN PARTY

Peter S. Goldberg, Chair
1001 W. Fireweed Lane
Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: (907) 276-4467
Fax: (907) 276-0425
Email: padiopete@gmail.com
Web site: <http://www.alaskarepublicans.com>

ALASKAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Lynette Clark, Chair
2521 Old Steese Hwy N
Fairbanks, AK 99712
Phone: (907) 457-1884
Email: lclark@akip.org
Web Site: <http://www.akip.org>

POLITICAL GROUPS – AS 15.80.008 and 15.80.010 (26)

A “political group” is an organized group of voters representing a political program that would like to gain status as a recognized political party. In order to obtain recognized status, a political group must file an application with the Director of the Division of Elections requesting that the number of registered voters for their group be tracked. An application may be obtained from the Division’s website at: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/A02.pdf>. The Director will recognize the group as a political party in accordance with the requirements of AS 15.80.008 and AS 15.80.010(26).

Until the political group qualifies as a recognized political party under AS 15.80.010(26), the political group may only field candidates for statewide and districtwide offices for the general election by filing nominating petitions as required by AS 15.25.140 - 15.25.200. Nominating petition candidates do not participate in primary elections.

The Division produces a monthly report entitled *Number of Registered Voters by Party within Precinct*. The report lists the number of registered voters within each recognized political party and political group that has applied to obtain recognized status. The report is available on the Division’s website http://www.elections.alaska.gov/vi_vrs.php or from any Division of Elections office.

The following organized groups have filed an application with the Division of Elections:

ALASKA CONSTITUTION PARTY

J.R. Myers, Chair
P.O. Box 2086
Soldotna, AK 99669
Phone: (907) 690-5200
Email: Chair@alaskaconstitutionparty.com
Web site: <http://www.alaskaconstitutionparty.com>

GREEN PARTY OF ALASKA

Soren Wuerth and Tom Macchia, Co-Chairs
Judy Moss, Treasurer
Gregory Nothstine, Secretary
P.O. Box 112947
Anchorage, AK 99511-2947
Phone: (907) 345-5351
Email: greenak@ak.net
Web site: <http://www.alaska.greens.org>

VETERANS PARTY OF ALASKA

Steve Harrison, Chair
11954 Copper Mtn Dr.
Eagle River, AK 99577
Phone: (907) 854-4373
E-mail: steveinak66@yahoo.com

TWELVE VISIONS PARTY OF ALASKA

Warren S. Rock, Sr.
P.O. Box 85075
Brevig Mission, AK 99785
Phone: (907) 642-3245
Email: rockwarrens@gmail.com
Email: tvpalaska@gmail.com

LIMITED POLITICAL PARTIES IN ALASKA – AS 15.30.025 and 15.80.010(16)

A “limited political party” is a political group that organizes for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States. A group may file a petition to become a limited political party at least 90 days before a presidential general election. The petition must be signed by qualified voters of the state equaling in number to at least 1% of the number of voters who cast ballots for President at the last presidential election. A limited political party maintains this status in the State of Alaska if its presidential candidate receives at least 3% of the votes cast for the office of President. An application form and sample petition page to form a limited political party is available on the Division’s website or from any Division of Elections office (contact information on Page 1).

PARTY CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

| <u>DEADLINE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>OFFICE</u> |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|
| June 1, 2016 | Simultaneous Filing: Declaration of Candidacy, Filing Fee and appropriate Financial Disclosure Statement with APOC (contact APOC to ensure <u>current</u> report is on file) | Division of Elections |
| June 27, 2016 | Last day to submit letter of withdrawal from the Primary Election ballot | Division of Elections |
| July 22, 2016 | Last day to submit materials for the Official Election Pamphlet | Division of Elections |
| September 6, 2016 | Last day to submit letter of withdrawal from the General Election ballot | Division of Elections |
| | For reporting deadlines, state candidates may contact the Alaska Public Offices Commission Toll Free at 1-800-478-4176 or online at www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc/ | APOC |
| | For reporting deadlines, federal candidates may contact the Federal Election Commission Toll Free at 1-800-424-9530 or online at www.fec.gov | FEC |

NO-PARTY CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

| <u>DEADLINE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>OFFICE</u> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| June 1, 2016 | Simultaneous Filing: Filing Notification form and appropriate Financial Disclosure Statement with APOC (contact APOC to ensure current report is on file) | Division of Elections |
| July 22, 2016 | Last day to submit materials for the Official Election Pamphlet | Division of Elections |
| No Later Than 5:00 p.m. August 16, 2016 | Submit Nomination by Petition form and petition signatures | Division of Elections |
| September 6, 2016 | Last day to submit letter of withdrawal from the General Election ballot | Division of Elections |
| | For reporting deadlines, state candidates may contact the Alaska Public Offices Commission Toll Free at 1-800-478-4176 or online at www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc/ | APOC |
| | For reporting deadlines, federal candidates may contact the Federal Election Commission Toll Free at 1-800-424-9530 or online at www.fec.gov | FEC |

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

| <u>DEADLINE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>OFFICE</u> |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| August 1, 2016 | Simultaneous Filing: Declaration of Candidacy for Retention, Filing Fee and Public Officials Financial Disclosure Statement with APOC (contact APOC to ensure current report is on file) | Division of Elections |
| August 8, 2016 | Last day to submit materials for the Official Election Pamphlet | Division of Elections |
| September 6, 2016 | Last day to submit letter of withdrawal from the General Election ballot | Division of Elections |
| | For reporting deadlines, judicial candidates may contact the Alaska Public Offices Commission Toll Free at 1-800-478-4176 or online at www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc/ | APOC |

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

| <u>DEADLINE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>OFFICE</u> |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| November 3, 2016 | Simultaneous Filing: Write-in Letter of Intent and Public Officials Financial Disclosure Statement with APOC (contact APOC to ensure current report is on file) | Division of Elections |
| | For reporting deadlines, state candidates may contact the Alaska Public Offices Commission Toll Free at 1-800-478-4176 or online at www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc/ | APOC |
| | For reporting deadlines, federal candidates may contact the Federal Election Commission Toll Free at 1-800-424-9530 or online at www.fec.gov | FEC |

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****
Official Election Pamphlet Information

All candidates who wish to appear in the pamphlet must submit the materials listed below by the statutory deadline. **Late submissions will not be accepted**. The division recommends filing your materials as soon as possible. Materials should be submitted electronically. Forms for making the submission are available on the division's website at:

http://www.elections.alaska.gov/ci_pg_fof_oep.php

1. **Candidate Statement**: A biographical statement of 150 words or less and a position statement of 250 words or less. AS 15.58.030(e)
2. **Photograph**: A 5" x 7" photograph (five inches wide by seven inches high) taken within the last five years and limited to the head, neck and shoulders of the candidate. All photographs will be printed in black and white. AS 15.58.030(f)
3. **Filing Fee**: Submit payment in the appropriate amount to the State of Alaska, Division of Elections. (cash, check, credit card accepted) AS 15.58.060(a)
 - a. \$300.00 – President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge
 - b. \$150.00 – Superior Court Judge, District Court Judge
 - c. \$100.00 – State Senator, State Representative

Statutory Deadlines (please read below note regarding deadline exception):

- State/Federal Candidates: **Friday, July 22, 2016** (AS 15.58.030(b))
- Judicial Retention Candidates: **Monday, August 8, 2016** (AS 15.58.030(g))
(the statutory deadline falls on Sunday, August 7th, so submission deadline is extended to following Monday)
- President/Vice President of the United States: **Tuesday, August 30, 2016** (AS 15.58.030(a))

NOTE: Translated Materials - If you are a candidate for a federal or statewide office, a candidate for State Senate in Districts C, S, or T, a candidate for State Representative in House Districts 06, 37 – 40, or a judicial retention candidate for Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or judicial districts 2, 3 or 4 and would like your statement translated into appropriate Alaska Native languages, you must submit your material at least 30 days prior to the statutory deadline. We **strongly encourage** you to submit your pamphlet material following this requirement so that the division can have your information translated to assist limited English proficient Alaska Native voters.

**THIS IS YOUR ONLY NOTICE REGARDING FILING MATERIALS
FOR THE OFFICIAL ELECTION PAMPHLET**

CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has jurisdiction over the financing of campaigns for the U.S. House, the U.S. Senate, the Presidency and the Vice Presidency. If you have any questions about the requirements or need additional information, please contact the FEC at:

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
800-424-9530 or (202) 694-1100
TDD: (202) 219-3336

The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) is responsible for administering Alaska law regarding campaign advertising. If you have any questions about the requirements or need additional information, please contact APOC at (907) 276-4176 in Anchorage.

EXCERPTS FROM ELECTION LAW – TITLE 15

Chapter 13. State Election Campaigns

Sec. 15.13.090. Identification of communication. (a) All communications shall be clearly identified by the words "paid for by" followed by the name and address of the person paying for the communication. In addition, except as provided by (d) of this section, a person shall clearly

(1) provide the person's address or the person's principal place of business;

(2) for a person other than an individual or candidate, include

(A) the name and title of the person's principal officer;

(B) a statement from the principal officer approving the communication; and

(C) identification of the name and city and state of residence or principal place of business, as applicable, of each of the person's three largest contributors under AS 15.13.040 (e)(5), if any, during the 12-month period before the date of the communication.

(b) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply when the communication

(1) is paid for by an individual acting independently of any other person;

(2) is made to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition as that term is defined by AS 15.13.065 (c); and

(3) is made for

(A) a billboard or sign; or

(B) printed material other than an advertisement made in a newspaper or other periodical.

(a) To satisfy the requirements of (a)(1) of this section and, if applicable, (a)(2)(C) of this section, a communication that includes a print or video component must have the following statement or statements placed in the communication so as to be easily discernible:

This communication was paid for by (person's name and city and state of principal place of business).

The top contributors of (person's name) are (the name and city and state of residence or principal place of business, as applicable, or the largest contributors to the person under AS 15.13.090 (a)(2)(C)).

- (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of (a) of this section, in a communication transmitted through radio or other audio media and in a communication that includes an audio component, the following statements must be read in a manner that is easily heard; the second statement is not required if the person paying for the communication has no contributors:

This communication was paid for by (person's name).

The top contributors of (person's name) are (the name of the largest contributors to the person under AS 15.13.090 (a)(2)(C)).

- (c) Contributors required to be identified under (a)(2)(C) of this section must be listed in order of the amount of their contributions. If more than three of the largest contributors to a person paying for a communication contribute equal amounts, the person may select which of the contributors of equal amounts to identify under (a)(2)(C) of this section. In no case shall a person be required to identify more than three contributors under (a)(2)(C) of this section.
- (d) The provisions of this subsection apply to a person who makes an independent expenditure for a communication described in (a) of this section. If the person paying for the communication is not a natural person, the provisions also apply to the responsible officer or officers of the corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, organization, labor organization, business trust, or society who approve the independent expenditure for the communication. A person who makes a communication under this subsection may not, with actual malice, include within or as a part of the communication a false statement of material fact about a candidate for election to public office that constitutes defamation of the candidate. For purposes of this subsection, a statement constitutes defamation of the candidate if the statement
 - (1) exposes the candidate strong disapproval, contempt, ridicule, or reproach; or
 - (2) tends to deprive the candidate of the benefit of public confidence.

POLITICAL SIGNS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS

Alaska law prohibits the placement of outdoor advertising along state highways. The State of Alaska Department of Transportation has responsibility for enforcing this law. "Outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the interstate, primary, or secondary highways in this state" unless the advertising meets one of five specific exceptions set out in AS 19.25.105, AS 19.25.90. Furthermore, outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained beyond 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way if the message is intended to be read by those traveling on the highway unless one of the five specific exceptions is met. AS 19.25.105(c). Finally, outdoor advertising may not be placed within highway rights-of-way. AS 19.25.105(d)

The law's broad definition of outdoor advertising includes political signs. "Outdoor advertising' includes any outdoor sign, display, or device used to advertise, attract attention or inform ... whether by printing, writing, painting, picture, light, drawing, or whether by the use of figures or objects, or a combination of these, or any other thing designed, intended, or used to advertise, inform, or attract attention." AS 19.25.160(3)

Two of the exceptions specified in AS 19.25.105(a) may allow certain political signs to be placed near a highway right-of-way. The first exception allows outdoor advertising to "advertise activities conducted on the property." AS 19.25.105(a)(2). This allows a campaign to place a political sign on the premises of the campaign office. The second exception allows for outdoor advertising on bus benches, bus shelters, and adjacent trash receptacles. AS 19.25.105(a)(5) and AS 19.25.105(d)(1)

A person who violates the prohibition on outdoor advertising in AS 19.25.105 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of between \$50 and \$5,000. AS 19.25.130

Note that AS 19.25.105 only applies to outdoor advertising near interstate, primary, or secondary highways. Local governments may have additional provisions relating to outdoor advertising near other types of roads in their jurisdictions.

If a sign is placed within a highway right-of-way and obstructs a state highway or road or amounts to a visual obstruction of or safety hazard on a state highway or road, the sign may be immediately removed by the Department of Transportation. AS 19.25.240

If the Department of Transportation confiscates a sign for encroachment, the sign may be recovered from the department only after its owner pays the department for (1) the expense of removing the encroaching sign; (2) all costs and expenses paid by the state as a result of claims filed against the state related to the encroachment; and (3) the state's costs and expenses of suit. AS 19.25.250

If you are in doubt concerning the state right-of-way in a given area, please contact the appropriate regional office of the Statewide Design and Engineering Services Division, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for information:

Central Region / Anchorage: 269-0700 or 800-770-5263; Northern Region / Fairbanks: 451-5400 or 800-475-2464; Southeast Region / Juneau: 465-4540 or 800-575-4540

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: COMPLAINTS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE

Complaints regarding the eligibility of a candidate must be filed by
5:00 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2016

6 AAC 25.260. Complaints regarding eligibility of a candidate (a) Any person may question the eligibility of a candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition with the director for statewide or districtwide office, by filing a complaint with the director. A complaint regarding the eligibility of a candidate must be received by the director not later than the close of business on the 10th day after the filing deadline for the office for which the candidate seeks election.

(b) The complaint must be in writing and include the name, mailing address, contact phone number, and signature of the person making the complaint, and a statement in 200 words or less of the grounds, described in particular, on which the candidate's eligibility is being questioned.

(c) The director will review only those issues in the complaint related to candidate qualifications established by the United States Constitution, the Alaska Constitution, or the Alaska Statutes. Grounds cited in the complaint other than those related to candidate qualifications established by law or grounds related to issues under the authority of the Alaska Public Offices Commission under AS 15.13 will not be considered by the director under this section.

(d) Upon receipt of a complaint, the director will review any evidence relevant to the issues identified in the complaint which is in the custody of the division including the candidate's registration record, declaration of candidacy, or nominating petition, and, in the discretion of the director, any other document of public record on file with the state. Based on the review of the public documents, the director will determine whether a preponderance of evidence supports or does not support the eligibility of the candidate.

(e) The director will send notification in writing to the candidate whose eligibility is being questioned that a complaint has been received. The notification will include a copy of the complaint, and, based on the director's review of the public documents, a statement as to whether a preponderance of evidence supports or does not support the eligibility of the candidate.

(f) If the director determines that a preponderance of evidence supports the eligibility of the candidate, the director will issue a final determination upholding the candidate's eligibility.

(g) If the director determines that a preponderance of evidence does not support the eligibility of the candidate, notice to the candidate will identify any additional information or evidence that must be provided by the candidate in support of his or her eligibility, and the date by which the requested information must be received by the director. The director will consider any additional information provided by the candidate in issuing a final determination as to the candidate's eligibility.

(h) If the information requested by the director under (g) of this section is not received from the candidate by the specified deadline, the director will issue a final determination regarding the candidate's eligibility based on the public records initially reviewed.

(i) Upon issuing a final determination as to the candidate's eligibility, the director will send notice of the determination in writing to the person making the complaint and to the candidate. The determination of the director is final.

(j) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the director to evaluate a candidate's eligibility for office.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT INFORMATION

NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES:

Non-incumbent Candidates filing for State Senator or State Representative must file a *Public Officials Financial Disclosure Statement*. This must be filed with APOC on or before the day the *Declaration of Candidacy, Filing Notification* form or *Write-In Letter of Intent* is filed with Elections. Candidates who already filed with APOC should check that the current year's statement is on file. (*see note below)

INCUMBENT (NON-LEGISLATIVE) CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES:

Incumbent candidates for judicial retention must file a *Public Officials Financial Disclosure Statement*. This must be filed with APOC on or before the day the *Declaration of Candidacy for Retention* is filed with Elections. Candidates who already filed with APOC should check that the current year's statement is on file.

INCUMBENT LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES:

Incumbent candidates for State Senate or State Representative file a *Legislative Financial Disclosure Statement*. This must be filed with APOC on or before the day the *Declaration of Candidacy, Filing Notification* form or *Write-In Letter of Intent* is filed with Elections. Candidates who already filed with APOC should check that the current year's statement is on file.

***NOTE:** A PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ON FILE FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE MAY NOT SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS.

INCUMBENT AND NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICES:

Candidates for Federal office are subject to Federal reporting requirements and are responsible for contacting the Federal Election Commission (FEC). See the directory on page 1 for contact information.

REGISTRATION STATEMENT INFORMATION

A *Registration Statement* for a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee must be filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission before making expenditures.

Contact the Alaska Public Offices Commission for campaign and financial disclosure reporting dates and information at:

Alaska Public Offices Commission
2221 E. Northern Lights Rm 128
Anchorage, AK 99508-4149
Toll Free 1-800-478-4176
Anchorage Office: (907) 276-4176
Juneau Office: (907) 465-4864
Website: www.doa.alaska.gov/apoc/