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Primary Election
August 26, 2008

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2008 Important Election Dates

June 2, 2008	Deadline for all candidates to file for 2008 Primary Election.
June 12, 2008	Last day for complaints regarding eligibility of a candidate.
July 9, 2008	Last day for candidates to withdraw names from Primary Election ballot.
July 26, 2008	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
July 27, 2008	Last day to register to vote or change current registration, including party affiliation, for Primary Election. Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
July 28, 2008	Ballot Measures Voter Guide mailed to Alaska voter households.
August 1, 2008	Filing deadline for judges seeking retention.
August 11, 2008	Absentee in-person, by-fax, special needs and early voting available for Primary Election.
August 16, 2008	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications for the Primary Election.
August 23, 2008	Absentee in-person and early voting available at Regional Election Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 24, 2008	Absentee in-person and early voting available at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
August 25, 2008	5 p.m. deadline to accept applications for absentee by-fax ballots.
August 26, 2008	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – Polling places and absentee in-person locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Unofficial results on the Elections website after 9:00 p.m.
August 26, 2008	No-party candidates must submit petition signatures by this date.
August 26, 2008	Last day to postmark absentee by-mail ballots for Primary Election. Faxed ballots must be received by the Division of Elections by 8 p.m. Alaska time for the Primary Election.
September 5, 2008	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States.
September 10, 2008	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses.

September 17, 2008	Last day for candidates to withdraw names from General Election ballot.
October 4, 2008	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
October 5, 2008	Last day to register or change registration for the General Election. Regional Elections offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
October 13, 2008	Deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> to be mailed to Alaska voter households.
October 14, 2008	First mailing of regular absentee by-mail ballots for General Election, then daily as needed.
October 20 – November 4, 2008	Absentee in-person, by-fax, special needs and early voting available for the General Election.
October 25, 2008	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications for the General Election.
November 1, 2008	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Elections Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
November 2, 2008	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
November 3, 2008	5 p.m. deadline to accept applications for absentee by-fax ballots.
November 4, 2008	GENERAL ELECTION DAY – polls and absentee in-person locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last day to postmark absentee by-mail ballots for General Election.
November 14, 2008	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States.
November 19, 2008	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses.

Election Central Locations

Primary:

Egan Center, Anchorage

Contact: Therrin Ferrin or Phyllis at 263-2800

If you require special arrangements, please contact the location directly.

Voting Information

Primary Election Day is August 26, 2008

Polling Places

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters may call our polling place locator number to find out their assigned polling place. **The number is 1-888-383-8683. In Anchorage, voters would call 269-8683.**

Bring Identification to the Polls

Voters **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification. Voters may use the following ID: voter ID card, driver's license, State ID card, current and valid photo ID, passport, military ID card, birth certificate, hunting or fishing license. A voter may also use an original copy of one of the following documents if it contains the voter's name and current address: current utility bill, government check, bank statement, pay check, or other government document. *If a voter does not have identification when voting, the voter will be asked to vote a questioned ballot.*

What Happens if the Voter's Name is not on Register

If a voter's name does not appear on the precinct register, the voter may vote a questioned ballot. Before receiving a ballot, the voter must complete a questioned ballot envelope. The voter's voted ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then the secrecy sleeve will be sealed inside the completed questioned ballot envelope. All questioned ballots are returned to the Election Supervisor for review and counting by the Questioned Ballot Review Board.

Marking the Ballot

When voting the ballot, the voter needs to completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue he/she wishes to vote for. Voters only have to mark the races or issues they choose to vote for. If a voter marks more than one choice in a race or issue, that section of the ballot will NOT be counted. The sections of the ballot that are properly marked will be counted.

If a voter makes a mistake marking the ballot, **DO NOT** erase or correct the ballot. The voter may return the spoiled ballot to an election worker and request a new ballot. If a voter attempts to correct a mistake on the ballot, the corrected vote may not be counted. **Note:** *A voter may only receive a replacement for a spoiled ballot 2 times.*

Assistance While Voting

If a voter needs assistance during the voting process, the voter may have a person of his or her choice provide any needed assistance as long as that person is not a candidate, the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer or agent of a union the voter belongs to. The voter may receive assistance during each phase of the voting process, including assistance in the voting booth. In addition, the Division of Elections provides for language assistance for Alaska Native and Filipino (Tagalog) voters who are limited English proficient. Alaska Native language assistance is available in many rural communities and Filipino (Tagalog) assistance is available in Kodiak.

Campaigning Prohibited Near Polls

Alaska law prohibits political persuasion within 200 feet of any entrance to a polling place during the hours the polls are open. This means that there may not be any discussion or display of campaign items for candidates or issues appearing on the ballot at that polling place.

Voter Eligibility and Polling Places

Frequently Asked Questions

Q - Who can vote?

A - U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in Alaska at least 30 days before an election, with the exception of voting for President/Vice President. You can register and vote for President on Election Day.

Q - May I register to vote before I am 18?

A - You may register 90 days before you turn 18, but you must be 18 on or before Election Day in order to vote.

Q - I have just become a U.S. citizen. May I vote in the General Election?

A - If you became a U.S. citizen and registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election, you may vote for all races appearing on the ballot. If you became a U.S. citizen and/or registered to vote after the 30-day deadline, you may vote for President.

Q - If I was convicted of a felony may I still vote?

A - Your voting rights are restored after you have been unconditionally discharged from your sentence and after you re-register to vote.

Q - How do I register to vote?

A - You may register to vote in Alaska by completing a voter registration application and presenting it in person to the Division of Elections, a voter registrar in your community, a city or borough clerk, or a voter registration agency (e.g., DMV, recruitment offices of the armed forces). You may also mail it to a Division of Elections' office. A voter registration application can be downloaded from our web site: www.elections.alaska.gov

Q - I have moved within the state since I last voted. How do I update my voter registration record?

A - You may change/update your registration record on the Voter Registration Application. If you did not update your registration at least 30 days prior to the election you will have to vote a questioned ballot.

Polling Place Questions

Q - Where do I vote?

A - Go to your polling place. To determine where your polling place is located, please call 1-888-383-8683 (in Anchorage, 269-8683) or visit our web site at: www.elections.alaska.gov

Q - If I'm not sure about what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to help me?

A - Yes, the election board workers at the polling place will help you.

Q - Do I need identification when I go to vote? If so, what type?

A - Yes. Examples of appropriate ID include: a driver's license, State ID card, voter ID card, military ID, fishing or hunting license, or passport. A picture ID is not necessary.

Q - May I take my completed sample ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?

A - Yes. Deciding how you will vote before you get to the polls will help you vote an informed ballot.

Q - Is there any way to vote instead of going to the polling place on Election Day?

A - Yes. Absentee voting information is available on the Division's web site at www.elections.alaska.gov

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What's on the Ballot?

2008 Primary Election Ballot Summary

Candidate Races on the Ballot

United States Senator

United States Representative

State Senator
(Seats A, C, E, G, I, K, M, O, Q, T)

State Representative
(All 40 Districts)

The candidate with the most votes from each party will advance to the General Election ballot

Ballot Measures

Ballot Measure 1: Establishing Alaska Gaming Commission (05GAM2)

Ballot Measure 2: Bill Amending Same Day Airborne Shooting (05HUNT)

Ballot Measure 3: Bill Providing For Public Funding In Campaigns (07CASE)

Ballot Measure 4: Bill Providing For Regulation Of Water Quality (07WTR3)

Ballot Measures

Ballot Measure 1

Establishing Alaska Gaming Commission
(05GAM2)

This initiative would create a seven-member gaming commission in the state Department of Revenue, and change gaming laws. The commission would employ a director, make contracts, adopt regulations, investigate and enforce gaming laws. The commission would have authority to allow games of chance, such as lotteries and casino games, in the future. It could join other states in multi-state gaming. The director would supervise gaming activities, and enforce charitable gaming laws. The initiative would make certain acts related to gaming a felony. Gaming allowed by the new law would be exempted from the criminal prohibition against gambling.

Should this initiative become law?

Yes No

Ballot Measure 2

Bill Amending Same Day Airborne Shooting
(05HUNT)

This bill amends current law banning same-day airborne shooting to include grizzly bears. The bill permits the Board of Game to allow a predator program for wolves and grizzly bears if the Commissioner of Fish and Game finds an emergency, where wolves or grizzly bears in an area are causing a decline in prey. Only employees of the Department of Fish and Game could take part in the program. Only the minimum number of wolves or grizzly bears needed to stop the emergency could be removed.

Should this initiative become law?

Yes No

Ballot Measure 3

Bill Providing For Public Funding In Campaigns
(07CASE)

This bill creates a voluntary program of public funding for state election campaigns. To qualify, candidates must collect a certain number of signatures and \$5 campaign contributions from voters in the area in which the candidate is running for office. Qualified candidates that agree to limits for campaign fundraising and spending may receive campaign funding from the State of Alaska based on the office sought. A qualified candidate may receive state matching funds if the candidate is opposed by a candidate that does not take part in the program.

Should this initiative become law?

Yes No

Ballot Measure 4

Bill Providing For Regulation Of Water Quality
(07WTR3)

This bill imposes two water quality standards on new large scale metallic mineral mining operations in Alaska. The first standard does not allow such a mining operation to release into water a toxic pollutant that will adversely affect human health or the life cycle of salmon. The second standard does not allow such a mining operation to store mining wastes and tailings that could release sulfuric acid, other acids, dissolved metals or other toxic pollutants that could adversely affect water that is used by humans or by salmon. The bill defines a large scale metallic mineral mining operation to mean a metallic mineral mining operation that is in excess of 640 acres in size. The bill defines toxic pollutants to include substances that will cause death and disease in humans and fish, and includes a list of substances identified as toxic pollutants under federal law.

Should this initiative become law?

Yes No

2008 Primary Election Ballot Choices

In Alaska, the political parties determine which candidates will have access to their ballot and which voters are eligible to vote their ballot. Based on the political party by-laws, the below table outlines the 2008 Primary election ballot choices.

There are three ballot types:

Ballot Type	Candidates on Ballot	Who Can Vote This Ballot
A-D-L Candidate and Ballot Measures	Alaskan Independence Democrat Libertarian	Any registered voter Party affiliation listed on register is: (A – D – G – L – M – R – N – U – V)
Republican Candidate and Ballot Measures	Republican	Voters registered as: Republican, Undeclared and Nonpartisan Party affiliation listed on register is: (R – U – N)
Ballot Measures Only	No Candidates This ballot contains ballot measures only.	Any registered voter

- ❖ The political party affiliation listed on the voter registration record 30 days prior to the election determines which Primary ballot type you are eligible to vote.
- ❖ Party affiliation changes are not allowed on Election Day.
- ❖ Voters may vote only ONE ballot type.
- ❖ If a voter wants a different ballot type than what the voter is eligible for, the voter must vote a questioned ballot.
- ❖ If a voter does not want to vote for any political party candidates, the voter may request the Ballot Measures Only ballot.

House and Senate District Designations

Senate District	House District	House District
A	1 Ketchikan	2 Sitka/Wrangell/Petersburg
B	3 Juneau/Downtown/Douglas	4 Juneau/Mendenhall Valley
C	5 Cordova/Southeast Islands	6 Interior Villages
D	7 Farmer's Loop/Steese Hwy	8 Denali/University
E	9 City of Fairbanks	10 Fairbanks/Ft Wainwright
F	11 North Pole	12 Richardson/Glenn Hwys
G	13 Greater Palmer	14 Greater Wasilla
H	15 Rural Mat-Su	16 Chugiak/Southern Mat-Su
I	17 Eagle River	18 Military
J	19 Muldoon	20 Mt. View/Wonder Park
K	21 Baxter Bog	22 University/Airport Heights
L	23 Downtown/Rogers Park	24 Midtown/Taku
M	25 East Spenard	26 Turnagain/Inlet View
N	27 Sand Lake	28 Bayshore/Klatt
O	29 Campbell/Independence Park	30 Lore/Abbott
P	31 Huffman/Ocean View	32 Chugach State Park
Q	33 Kenai/Soldotna	34 Rural Kenai
R	35 Homer/Seward	36 Kodiak
S	37 Bristol Bay/Aleutians	38 Bethel
T	39 Bering Straits	40 Arctic

Reading the Election Results

There are 2 types of results available.

- ❖ **Statewide Election Summary** – This report is a summary showing the entire results for each race.
- ❖ **Statement of Votes Cast** – This report contains the individual district results for each race. This report includes the results for each race for each precinct in the district.

Statewide Election Summary

Registered Voters	=	Number of registered voters in the State of Alaska
Cards Cast	=	Total number of ballots cast
Number of Precincts	=	Total number of precincts where race appears on ballot
Precincts Reporting	=	Of the number of precincts where race appears, this is the number that has reported results. Throughout election night, this number changes as precincts report. Keep in mind that a precinct shows as reported when the optical scan or hand-count results are uploaded. There may still be results needing to be uploaded from the precinct's touch screen unit.
Times Counted	=	Number of ballots counted that included the individual race.
Total Votes	=	Number of votes counted in the individual race. This number may be lower than "times counted" because some voters chose not to vote in the race.

Statement of Votes Cast

Reg Voters	=	Number of registered voters in the State of Alaska
Cards Cast	=	Total number of ballots cast
% Turnout	=	Number of cards cast divided by number of registered voters, expressed as a percentage.
Times Counted	=	Number of ballots counted that included the individual race.
Total Votes	=	Number of votes counted in the individual race. This number may be lower than "times counted" because some voters chose not to vote in the race.

Results are posted to web at:

www.elections.alaska.gov

Sample Statewide Summary

STATE OF ALASKA - 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 22, 2006 OFFICIAL RESULTS	Date:09/18/06 Time:18:55:28 Page:1 of 8
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Registered Voters 459364 - Cards Cast 160847 35.02%

Num. Report Precinct 439 - Num. Reporting 439 100.00%

US REPRESENTATIVE (C)		COM	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	55702/459364	12.1 %	
Total Votes	48056		
BENSON, DIANE E.	DEM	19421	40.41%
CRAWFORD, ALEXANDER	LIB	3176	6.61%
GERSTENFELD, SOL L.	LIB	687	1.43%
HYDE, TODD	DEM	2482	5.16%
INCE, EVA L.	GRN	3620	7.53%
METCALFE, RAY	DEM	16529	34.40%
VONDERSAAR, FRANK	DEM	2141	4.46%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (C)		COM	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	55702/459364	12.1 %	
Total Votes	50760		
BERKOWITZ, ETHAN A.	DEM	28263	55.68%
MIRABAL, ROBERT D.	LIB	1371	2.70%
OLSON, DONALD C.	DEM	9356	18.43%
ROLLINS, BETTY	DEM	5875	11.57%
ROLLISON, KAY L.	DEM	2483	4.89%
WELTON, DOUGLAS L.	AI	3412	6.72%

US REPRESENTATIVE (R)		REP	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	102230/459364	22.3 %	
Total Votes	81089		
YOUNG, DONE E.	REP	81089	100.00%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (R)		REP	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	102230/459364	22.3 %	
Total Votes	88193		
PARNELL, SEAN R.	REP	50328	57.07%
WARD, JERRY	REP	37865	42.93%

GOVERNOR (C)		COM	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	55702/459364	12.1 %	
Total Votes	53987		
BURKE, EDDIE	AI	872	1.62%
CROFT, ERIC	DEM	11952	22.14%
DeNARDO, DANIEL	AI	411	0.76%
KNOWLES, TONY	DEM	37316	69.12%
LEMKE, BRUCE J.	DEM	732	1.36%
MASSIE, DAVID M.	GRN	926	1.72%
TOIEN, WILLIAM S. "B"	LIB	570	1.06%
WRIGHT, DON R.	AI	1208	2.24%

SENATE DISTRICT B (C)		COM	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	16		
Precincts Reporting	16	100.0 %	
Times Counted	4609/24094	19.1 %	
Total Votes	4075		
ELTON, KIM	DEM	4075	100.00%

GOVERNOR (R)		REP	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	439		
Precincts Reporting	439	100.0 %	
Times Counted	102230/459364	22.3 %	
Total Votes	101695		
BINKLEY, JOHN	REP	30349	29.84%
HEIKES, GERALD L. "J"	REP	280	0.28%
HLATCU, MERICA	REP	211	0.21%
MURKOWSKI, FRANK H.	REP	19412	19.09%
PALIN, SARAH H.	REP	51443	50.59%

SENATE DISTRICT B (R)		REP	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	16		
Precincts Reporting	16	100.0 %	
Times Counted	5061/24094	21.0 %	
Total Votes	3123		
MEINERS, HERMAN M.,	REP	3123	100.00%

SENATE DISTRICT D (C)		COM	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	22		
Precincts Reporting	22	100.0 %	
Times Counted	3484/26528	13.1 %	
Total Votes	3126		
BRAUN, DAVID P.	GRN	690	22.07%
THOMAS, JOE J.	DEM	2436	77.93%

SENATE DISTRICT D (R)		REP	
	Total		
Number of Precincts	22		
Precincts Reporting	22	100.0 %	
Times Counted	6852/26528	25.8 %	
Total Votes	4768		
SEEKINS, RALPH C.	REP	4768	100.00%

Sample Statement of Votes Cast

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	TURN OUT			US REPRESENTATIVE (C)								
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	BENSON, DIANE E. (DEM)	CRAWFORD, ALEXANDER (LIB)	GERSTENFELD, SOL L. (LIB)	HYDE, TODD (DEM)	INCE, EVA L. (GRN)	METCALFE, RAY (DEM)	VONDERSAAR, FRANK (DEM)
Jurisdiction Wide												
01-110 Ketchikan No. 1	2175	488	22.44%	2175	140	63	6	2	5	14	44	6
01-120 Ketchikan No. 2	2174	622	28.61%	2174	142	67	10	4	5	12	33	11
01-130 Ketchikan No. 3	1546	414	26.78%	1546	79	28	5	3	5	6	26	6
01-140 North Tongass No. 1	807	266	32.96%	807	54	23	5	2	2	5	13	4
01-150 North Tongass No. 2	1573	545	34.65%	1573	105	31	10	1	5	16	35	7
01-160 Saxman	278	78	28.06%	278	30	14	4	0	1	2	6	3
01-170 South Tongass	1444	452	31.30%	1444	88	36	9	0	5	10	22	6
01-180 Thome Bay	542	101	18.63%	542	30	5	6	1	3	4	10	1
01-185 Coffman Cove	137	37	27.01%	137	7	1	2	1	0	1	2	0
District 1 - Absentee	0	454	-	0	120	55	4	2	5	9	37	8
District 1 - Question	0	183	-	0	59	26	7	2	1	7	13	3
District 1 - Early Voting	0	3	-	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10676	3643	34.12%	10676	855	350	68	18	37	86	241	55

Early/Absentee and Questioned Ballots

Hot Reporting Dates

Tuesday, August 26, Primary Election Day	Early and Absentee ballots
September 5 th - 10 day count or September 10 th - 15 day count	Early, Absentee, Questioned ballots

Early Voting

Early voting is available at each of the four Regional Elections offices beginning 15 days prior to the election. A voter is eligible for early voting if the voter's registration record is current, the voter has registered at least 30 days prior to the election, and if the voter is registered in the regional jurisdiction. The difference between early and absentee in person is that an early voter's eligibility is verified at the time of voting through the Division's voter registration system. The early voter's ballot is placed directly into the ballot box. Absentee in person ballots are placed inside an absentee envelope and are reviewed by an Absentee Ballot Review Board to determine the voter's eligibility prior to being opened and counted.

Absentee Voting

Alaska law allows voters to vote absentee four ways: in person, by mail, by fax or by a special needs ballot. All voted absentee ballots are placed inside a special ballot envelope that contains information about the voter. The information provided by the voter on the ballot envelope is compared to the voter's registration information to determine the voter's eligibility. All absentee ballots are reviewed by a bi-partisan Absentee Ballot Review Board prior to being opened and counted.

Absentee Voting In Person

Beginning 15 days before an election, voters may vote at an absentee voting site. Ballots for all 40 districts are available at all Regional Election offices. In addition to the Regional Elections offices, there are many other voting sites throughout Alaska that will have ballots for their house district. For more information or for a list of absentee voting locations visit our website or contact a Regional Elections office.

Absentee Voting By Mail or By Fax

Absentee By Mail

Absentee ballot applications can be submitted after January 1st of each election year. Voters may request a ballot for a specific election or for all elections in the year. Absentee by mail ballot applications for the Primary election must be received by August 16, 2008. Voters should apply early to ensure timely delivery of their ballot. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Absentee By Fax

Voting by fax should be the voter's last alternative for casting a ballot. Voters may apply for fax voting August 11, 2008 through 5:00pm Alaska Time on August 25, 2008. Voters may return their voted fax ballot by mail or by fax. If a voter returns the voted ballot by fax, it must be received no later than 8:00pm Alaska Time on Election Day. If it is returned by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Special Needs Voting

If a voter is unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability, the voter may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to the voter beginning 15 days before an election at an absentee voting site or on Election Day at the polling place. The voter's personal representative can be anyone over 18, except a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

Questioned Voting

There are several reasons why a voter would be required to vote a questioned ballot: the voter's name is not on the precinct register; the voter does not have identification and is not personally known by an election board worker; the voter wants a Primary ballot type he/she is not eligible to vote; the voter's qualifications are questioned.

Before receiving a ballot, the voter must complete a questioned ballot envelope. The voted ballot is placed inside the completed envelope. The information the voter provides on the envelope will be used to determine the voter's eligibility. All questioned ballots are reviewed by a by-partisan Questioned Ballot Review Board prior to being opened and counted.

Counting Absentee and Questioned Ballots

Absentee ballots are counted by House District. Regional Elections offices begin counting absentee ballots that have been reviewed on election night. They then count again between the 10th – 15th day following the election. The statutory deadline for receiving and counting absentee ballots is 15 days following the election.

Questioned ballots are counted by House District. Questioned ballots from the entire district must first be reviewed by a Questioned Ballot Review Board prior to being counted. Questioned ballots are generally counted between the 10th – 15th day following Election Day. The statutory deadline for counting questioned ballots is 15 days following the election.

Results from absentee and questioned ballots are included in the statewide summary report. In addition, the statement of votes cast includes a breakdown of the results for absentee and questioned ballots in each House District.

Counting Early Voting Ballots

Regional offices count the early voted ballots that were voted prior to Election Day on election night. The early ballots that are voted on Election Day are counted by the regional office during the final count between the 10th – 15th day following the election.

Results from early voted ballots are included in the statewide summary report. In addition, the statement of votes cast includes the breakdown of early voting results in each House District.

“Close Race” Policy

The Division of Elections first priority is to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to ensure that every absentee and questioned ballot receives thorough review to determine eligibility. It is our policy that all absentee and questioned ballots will be reviewed and processed by district in date order as they are received. Close races will be processed in accordance with this policy.

Contents of Section 3

- Alaska's Ballot Counting System
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- Alaska's Primary Election History
- Primary Election Voter Turnout
- Election Recounts (statutes and statistics)

Don't forget to check the Division of Elections' website for information.

www.elections.alaska.gov

Alaska's Ballot Counting System

Your Vote is Secure!

Alaska uses three different methods to count ballots:

- ❖ Hand-count
- ❖ Optical Scan
- ❖ Touch Screen equipped with voter-verifiable paper audit trail

Each precinct receives paper ballots that are either hand-counted when the polls close or counted using an optical scan unit as the voter inserts the ballot into the optical scan. In addition, during federal elections, each precinct has a touch screen voting unit that is intended for use by blind, disabled, or those voters who may not be able to read.

Alaska uses Premier Elections Solutions GEMS 1.18.24 ballot tabulation software to program the memory cards used in the optical scan and touch screen voting units. The software is federally certified. GEMS computers in the Director's Office and the regional offices are stand alone computers that are not connected to the internet or a network.

Testing is performed on all optical scan and touch screen units and memory cards. A functionality test is conducted to ensure the equipment is in proper working order. A logic and accuracy test is performed on each memory card to ensure the programming is counting the ballots correctly.

Hand-count precincts are those precincts that are in rural areas of the state with few voters. After the polls close, the election boards tally the ballots using prepared tally books and then call in the results to the appropriate regional office. The regional offices then data enter the results into the regional GEMS computer and uploads the results to the GEMS system in the Director's Office via modem connection. There are 134 hand-count precincts in Alaska. **(There will be 130 hand-count precincts once Dept. of Justice preclears the Region I precinct changes.)**

Optical scan precincts are those in the urban areas of the state or those that have a large number of voters. After the voter votes, the voter inserts his/her ballot into the optical scan unit which is attached to a ballot box. When the polls close, the election board ends the election and transmits the results via a telephone line directly to the GEMS system in the Director's Office. There are 305 optical scan precincts in Alaska.

Touch screen units used in Alaska have a voter verifiable paper trail that allows the voter to verify the printed version of the ballot prior to casting the ballot. When voting on a touch screen, the voter has the option of having the ballot on the screen and/or listen to an audio version of the ballot and using a keypad to make the selection. Like the optical scan, when the polls close, the election board ends the election on the touch screen and then transmit results either via telephone line (for optical scan precincts) or by calling in the results to the regional office (for hand-count precincts).

Election Security Study

The systems and procedures in place ensure every vote is accurately counted. In the fall of 2007, researchers at the University of Alaska, Anchorage launched a study, commissioned by Alaska's Lt. Governor and the Division of Elections, to examine the state's election security.

In the study conducted by the University of Alaska, Anchorage, researchers reported that Alaska's election system is among the most secure in the country. Alaska's system has a number of features that address security such as:

- ✓ A single voting system, with standard procedures, for federal and state elections throughout Alaska. This centralization is unique among the states.
- ✓ Identical hardware and software statewide.
- ✓ Paper ballots. Almost all – 99% of voters in 2006, marked their choices on paper ballots. Even though votes are counted mostly by machine, the paper ballots provide a record in addition to electronic counts.
- ✓ Bi-partisan committees that oversee polling places and hand-counts.
- ✓ An open election process by state law include observers, who are able to see both the voting and counting procedures.
- ✓ Verification of machine counts with hand-counts of ballots from a random sampling of precincts. In fact, through this verification, 5% of the ballots cast in each of the 40 house districts throughout Alaska are hand-counted to verify the election results.
- ✓ Physical separation of paper ballots and electronic tallies. Precincts separate the ballots and electronic records.

Although it was reported that the Alaska system is secure, the University did provide recommendations, which have been implemented, to further enhance security for the 2008 election cycle. The additional security measures addressed areas such as updated password management for all voting technology, utilization of tamper-evident seals on each piece of voting equipment, and installation of new software that allows the Division of Elections to create a more secure password authentication system for touch screen voting machines.

When voting, Alaskans can feel 100% confident that their vote is being counted in a secure and accurate manner.

Optical Scan and Hand Count Precincts

Region 1

Districts 1 – 5; 33 – 36

Southeast Alaska, Cordova, Kodiak Island and the Kenai Peninsula

District 1

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
01-110	KETCHIKAN # 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-120	KETCHIKAN # 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-130	KETCHIKAN # 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-140	NORTH TONGASS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-150	NORTH TONGASS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-160	SAXMAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-170	SOUTH TONGASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-180	THORNE BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-185	COFFMAN COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 2

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
02-210	SITKA NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-220	SITKA NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-230	HALIBUT POINT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-240	SAWMILL CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-250	PETERSBURG-KUPREANOF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-260	WRANGELL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-285	PELICAN – ELFIN COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-295	PORT ALEXANDER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 3

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
03-300	DOUGLAS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-310	JUNEAU NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-320	JUNEAU NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-330	JUNEAU NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-340	JUNEAU NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-350	JUNEAU AIRPORT AREA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-360	LEMON CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-370	NORTH DOUGLAS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-380	SALMON CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-390	SWITZER CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 4

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
04-410	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-420	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

04-430	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-440	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-450	AUKE BAY-FRITZ COVE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-460	LYNN CANAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 5

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
05-500	ANGOON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-502	CORDOVA <i>*(New name = Cordova-Tatitlek)</i>	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-504	CRAIG	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-506	GUSTAVUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-510	HAINES NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-512	HAINES HIGHWAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-514	HOONAH	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-516	HYDABURG	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-518	KAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-525	KASAAN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
05-530	KLAWOCK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-535	KLUKWAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-540	METLAKATLA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-545	N PRINCE OF WALES IS <i>*(Eliminated)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen
05-550	SKAGWAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-555	TATITLEK <i>*(Eliminated)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen
05-565	TENAKEE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-570	YAKUTAT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

*** Eliminated and renamed precincts are awaiting Dept. of Justice preclearance**

District 33

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
33-700	CENTRAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-710	KENAI NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-720	KENAI NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-730	KENAI NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-740	K BEACH	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-750	SOLDOTNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 34

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
34-810	FUNNY RIVER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-820	KASILOF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-830	MACKEY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-840	NIKISKI	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-850	NINILCHIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-870	SALAMATOFF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-880	STERLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 35

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
35-010	HOMER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-020	HOMER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

35-030	ANCHOR POINT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-040	BEAR CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-050	COOPER LANDING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-060	DIAMOND RIDGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-070	KACHEMAK BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-080	KACH CITY - FRITZ CR	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-090	MOOSE PASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-095	SELDOVIA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-098	SEWARD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 36

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
36-605	CHINIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-608	FLATS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-615	KODIAK ISLAND SOUTH	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-618	KODIAK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-620	KODIAK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-622	MISSION ROAD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-625	OLD HARBOR	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-635	OUZINKIE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-645	PORT LIONS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-655	ILIAMNA – NEWHALEN <i>*(New name = Iliamna Lake North Precinct)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-665	KOKHANOK – IGIUGIG <i>*(New name = Iliamna Lake South Precinct)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-675	LEVELOCK <i>*(Eliminated)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-685	NONDALTON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-695	PEDRO BAY <i>*(Eliminated)</i>	Hand Count, Touch Screen

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Region II

Districts 13-32

Greater Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Municipality of Anchorage,
City of Whittier, Community of Hope

District 13

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
13-002	CITY OF PALMER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-005	FISHHOOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-010	GREATER PALMER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-015	LAKES	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-020	MAT-SU CAMPUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-025	PALMER, CITY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-033	PALMER FISHHOOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-035	PIONEER PEAK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-040	TRUNK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-045	WALBY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 14

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
14-050	KINGS LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

14-055	KNIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-060	SCHROCK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-065	SEWARD MERIDIAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-070	WASILLA LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-075	WASILLA NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-080	WASILLA NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 15

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
15-100	BIG LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-103	HOUSTON, CITY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-105	KNIK-GOOSE BAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-110	MEADOW LAKES NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-115	MEADOW LAKES NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-120	SUSITNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-125	TALKEETNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-130	TRAPPER CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-135	WILLOW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 16

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
16-140	BUTTE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-145	EKLUTNA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-150	FAIRVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-155	LAZY MOUNTAIN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-160	PETERS CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-165	PETERS CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-170	SNOWSHOE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-175	SPRINGER LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 17

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
17-200	CHUGACH PARK NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-205	DWNTWN E. RIVER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-210	DWNTWN E. RIVER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-215	EAGLE RIVER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-220	EAGLE RIVER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-225	MEADOW CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-230	MEADOW CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 18

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
18-235	ELMENDORF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-240	FIRE LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-245	FT RICHARDSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-250	GOVERNMENT HILL NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-255	NORTH MULDOON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 19

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
19-300	CHENEY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-305	CREEKSIDE PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-310	MULDOON NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-315	MULDOON NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-320	MULDOON NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-325	MULDOON NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-330	NUNAKA VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 20

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
20-335	NORTHEAST ANCHORAGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-340	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-345	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-350	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-355	WONDER PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 21

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
21-400	BAXTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-405	CHESTER VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-410	CHUGACH FTHILLS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-415	CHUGACH FTHILLS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-420	REFLECTION LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-425	SCENIC PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 22

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
22-430	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-435	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-440	COLLEGE GATE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-445	EAST ANCHORAGE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-450	RUSSIAN JACK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-455	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-460	UNIVERSITY NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-465	UNIVERSITY NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 23

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
23-500	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-505	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-510	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-515	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-520	FAIRVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-525	FIREWEED	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-530	GOVERNMENT HILL NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-535	MERRILL FIELD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-540	ROGERS PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 24

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
24-545	EAST DOWLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-550	FAR N. BICENTENNIAL	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-555	MIDTOWN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-560	MIDTOWN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-565	MIDTOWN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-570	TAKU	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-575	TUDOR	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 25

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
25-600	ARCTIC	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-605	CONNERS LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-610	NORTHWOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-615	SPENARD NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-620	SPENARD NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-625	SPENARD NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-630	WESTCHESTER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-635	WILLOWCREST NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-640	WILLOWCREST NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 26

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
26-645	INLET VIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-650	INLET VIEW NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-655	LAKE HOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-660	LAKE SPENARD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-665	TURNAGAIN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-670	TURNAGAIN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-675	TURNAGAIN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-680	TURNAGAIN NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-685	WESTCHESTER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 27

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
27-700	DIMOND NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-705	JEWEL LAKE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-710	KINCAID	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-715	SAND LAKE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-720	SAND LAKE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-725	SAND LAKE NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 28

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
28-730	BAYSHORE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-735	CAMPBELL LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-740	JEWEL LAKE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-745	KLATT NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

28-750	OCEANVIEW NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-755	SOUTHPORT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 29

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
29-800	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-805	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-810	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-815	DIMOND NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-820	DIMOND NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-825	INDPNDCENCE PARK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-830	INDPNDCENCE PARK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 30

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
30-835	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-840	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-845	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-850	ABBOTT LOOP NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-855	LAUREL/DOWLING	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-860	LORE NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-865	LORE NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 31

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
31-900	HUFFMAN NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-905	HUFFMAN NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-910	HUFFMAN NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-915	HUFFMAN NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-920	HUFFMAN NO. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-925	HUFFMAN NO. 6	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-930	HUFFMAN NO. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-935	HUFFMAN NO. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 32

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
32-940	BEAR VALLEY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-945	CENTENNIAL PARK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-950	CHUGACH PARK NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-955	CHUGACH PARK NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-960	GIRDWOOD	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-965	GOLDEN VIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-970	HILAND	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-975	HOPE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-980	INDIAN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-985	RABBIT CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-990	STUCKAGAIN HEIGHTS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-995	WHITTIER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

Region III

Districts 6-12

Greater Fairbanks, Interior Alaska, Richardson & Glenn Hwys, Valdez

District 6

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
06-505	ALLAKAKET	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-510	ANIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-515	ANVIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-520	ARCTIC VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-525	BEAVER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-530	BETTLES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-533	CENTRAL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-537	CHISTOCHINA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-540	CHUATHBALUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-542	CIRCLE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-543	COPPER CENTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-545	CROOKED CREEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-546	DELTANA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-547	DOT LAKE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-550	EAGLE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-555	FORT YUKON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-557	GAKONA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-560	GALENA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-565	GRAYLING	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-570	HOLY CROSS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-575	HUGHES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-580	HUSLIA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-590	KALTAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-593	KENNY LAKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-595	KOYUKUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-605	MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-607	MARSHALL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-610	MCGRATH	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-613	MENTASTA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-615	MINTO	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-620	NENANA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-625	NIKOLAI	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-627	NORTHWAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-630	NULATO	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-650	RUBY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-655	RUSSIAN MISSION	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-660	SHAGELUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-665	SLEETMUTE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-675	STEVENS VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-680	TAKOTNA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-683	TANACROSS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-685	TANANA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-687	TETLIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-688	TOK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-695	TYONEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
06-700	VENETIE	Hand Count, Touch Screen

District 7

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
07-210	CHATANIKA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-225	FARMERS LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-230	FOX	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-235	GOLDSTREAM NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-240	SHANLY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-245	STEELE CREEK/GILMORE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-250	STEESE EAST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-255	STEESE WEST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-260	TWO RIVERS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 8

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
08-100	ANDERSON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-110	CANTWELL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-115	CHENA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-120	CLEAR	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-125	DENALI PARK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
08-130	ESTER	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-132	GEIST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-134	GOLDSTREAM NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-136	HEALY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-138	PIKE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-140	UNIVERSITY CAMPUS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-143	UNIVERSTIY HILLS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-145	UNIVERSITY WEST	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 9

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
09-305	AIRPORT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-310	AURORA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-320	FAIRBANKS NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-330	FAIRBANKS NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-335	FAIRBANKS NO. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-340	FAIRBANKS NO. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-345	FAIRBANKS NO. 6	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-350	FAIRBANKS NO. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-353	FAIRBANKS NO. 10	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 10

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
10-325	FAIRBANKS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-355	FAIRBANKS NO. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-360	FAIRBANKS NO. 9	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-365	FORT WAINWRIGHT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-367	LAKEVIEW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 11

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
11-400	BADGER NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-405	BADGER NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-410	CHENA LAKES	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-415	MOOSE CREEK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-420	NEWBY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-425	NORTH POLE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-430	PLACK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-435	RICHARDSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 12

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
12-010	BIG DELTA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-020	DELTA JUNCTION	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-025	EIELSON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-030	FARM LOOP	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-031	GLENNALLEN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-035	SALCHA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-043	SHEEP MOUNTAIN	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-047	SUTTON	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-050	VALDEZ NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-055	VALDEZ NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-060	VALDEZ NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

Region IV

Districts 37-40

Northern, Northwest, Southwest, Bristol Bay, and Aleutians Coastal Areas

District 37

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
37-700	AKUTAN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-702	ALEKNAGIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-704	ALEUTIANS NO. 1	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-706	ALEUTIANS NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-708	CHIGNIKS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-710	CLARKS POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-712	COLD BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-714	DILLINGHAM	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-716	EGEGIK – PILOT POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-718	EKWOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-720	KING COVE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-722	KING SALMON	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-724	KOLIGANEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-726	MANOKOTAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-728	NAKNEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-730	NEW STUYAHOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-732	PORT HEIDEN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-734	SAND POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-736	SOUTH NAKNEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen

37-738	ST. GEORGE ISLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-740	ST. PAUL ISLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-742	TOGIAK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

District 38

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
38-800	AKIACHAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-802	AKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-804	ATMAUTLUAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-806	BETHEL NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-808	BETHEL NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-810	BETHEL NO. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-812	CHEFORNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-814	EEK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-816	GOODNEWS BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-818	KALSKAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-820	KASIGLUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-822	KIPNUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-824	KONGIANAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-826	KWETHLUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-828	KWIGILLINGOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-830	LOWER KALSKAG	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-832	MEKORYUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-834	NAPAKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen

District 38

38-836	NAPASKIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-838	NEWTOK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-840	NIGHTMUTE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-842	NUNAPITCHUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-844	QUINHAGAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-846	TOKSOOK BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-848	TULUKSAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-850	TUNTUTULIAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-852	TUNUNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen

District 39

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
39-900	ALAKANUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-902	BREVIK MISSION	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-904	CHEVAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-906	DIOMEDE	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-908	ELIM	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-910	EMMONAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-912	GAMBELL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-914	GOLOVIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-916	HOOPER BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-918	KOTLIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-920	KOYUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-922	MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	Hand Count, Touch Screen

39-924	NOME NO. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-926	NOME NO. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-928	NUNAM IQUA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-930	PILOT STATION	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-932	PITKAS POINT	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-934	SAVOONGA	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-936	SCAMMON BAY	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-938	SHAKTOOLIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-940	ST. MARY'S	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-942	ST. MICHAEL	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-944	STEBBINS	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-946	TELLER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-948	UNALAKLEET	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-950	WALES	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-952	WHITE MOUNTAIN	Hand Count, Touch Screen

District 40

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
40-002	AMBLER	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-004	ANAKTUVIK PASS	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-006	ATQASUK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-008	BARROW	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-010	BROWERVILLE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-012	BUCKLAND	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-014	DEERING	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-016	KAKTOVIK	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-018	KIANA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-020	KIVALINA	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-022	KOBUK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-024	KOTZEBUE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-026	NOATAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-028	NOORVIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-030	NUIQSUT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-032	POINT HOPE	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-034	POINT LAY	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-038	SELAWIK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-040	SHISHMAREF	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-042	SHUNGNAK	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-044	WAINWRIGHT	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

Alaska's Primary Election History

1947 Blanket Primary enacted following a referendum.

In 1947, Alaskans voted to enact a Blanket Primary. Blanket Primaries are elections where a voter may choose from among all candidates of all parties listed on the ballot.

1960 Single Ballot Open Primary enacted by First State Legislature replaced Blanket Primary.

In the first session of the First State Legislature, the Blanket Primary was replaced with a Single Ballot Open Primary. Voters received one ballot listing candidates from both parties. Voters marked a box indicating they were voting Democrat or Republican. If they voted for candidates from more than one party, their ballots were invalidated.

1967 Blanket Primary restored during first session of Fifth State Legislature.

In 1967, the Legislature restored the Blanket Primary at the request of Governor Walter J. Hickel.

1992 Party-Rule Ballot Primary held under court stipulation. (*Zawacki v. State of Alaska*)

In 1992, the Republican Party of Alaska (RPA) challenged the State of Alaska in federal court on the constitutionality of the Blanket Primary system. An agreement between the State and the RPA called for a Party-Rule ballot that would contain the names of candidates who filed for the RPA nomination and would be available to Republican, nonpartisan and undeclared voters. A Statutory ballot would contain the names of candidates of all other political parties and would be available to all voters. A voter could vote only one ballot.

1993 Party-Rule Ballot Primary retained under court stipulation. (*O'Callaghan v. State of Alaska*)

The 1992 agreement remained in place for the 1994 Primary Election under stipulations defined by *O'Callaghan v. State of Alaska*.

1996 Blanket Primary held constitutional under Alaska Supreme Court stipulation.

In 1996, the State of Alaska defended the constitutionality of the Blanket Primary. The Alaska Supreme Court ruled that the Blanket Primary did not infringe on a party's right of free association. The U. S. Supreme Court chose not to review *O'Callaghan*.

Alaska's Primary Election History (continued)

2000 U. S. Supreme Court rules California Blanket Primary unconstitutional.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 26, 2000 that California's Blanket Primary violated the First Amendment right of freedom of association. The Court said political parties have the right to offer voting to self-identified members, and not to the general electorate.

In response to the ruling, the State of Alaska promulgated emergency regulations that allowed the 2000 Primary Election to be conducted as a Party-Rule Ballot Primary. The 2000 Primary Election was similar to those conducted in 1992 and 1994.

2001 Party-Rule Ballot Primary passed by the Legislature.

Alaska's Twenty-Second Legislature passed House Bill 193 that specified a Primary Election ballot for each political party. On September 1 the year before the Primary was to be held, political parties were required to submit Department of Justice pre-cleared party bylaws specifying which voters could participate in the Primary Election for that party's candidates.

2002 Voters choose from six ballots in the Primary.

In 2002, voters registered under the parties of Alaska Independence, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Republican and Republican Moderate were allowed to vote their own party's ballot. Voters not affiliated with a recognized political party were able to choose from ONE of the six ballots.

2003 Superior Court allows parties to appear on a Combined Party ballot.

The Alaska Superior Court, in *Green Party et al. v. State Of Alaska et al.*, prevented the State from enforcing portions of election laws regarding the Primary Election in 2004. The ruling allowed parties to decide if they wanted to appear on a Combined Party ballot. Parties also specified which voters could have access to their ballots. Parties were given until June 1, 2004 to indicate to the State, through their bylaws, if they wanted to appear on a Combined Party ballot, and which voters would have access to their ballot.

2004 Voters choose from three ballots in the Primary.

The Republican Party chose to have only Republican candidates on its Primary ballot, and ONLY those voters registered Republicans, nonpartisan and undeclared had access to the Republican ballot.

The Alaska Libertarian Party, the Alaskan Independence Party and the Green Party of Alaska agreed to be on a Combined Party ballot available to all registered voters.

Alaska's Primary Election History (continued)

On the third ballot, the Alaska Democratic Party appeared on a Combined Party ballot with the Alaska Libertarian Party, the Alaska Independence Party and the Green Party of Alaska. The Democratic Party specified this ballot to be accessible to all voters except Republicans.

2006 Voters to choose from three ballots in the Primary.

Like the 2004 Primary, the Republican Party elects to have only Republican candidates appear on its ballot. Voters must be registered Republican, non-partisan or undeclared in order to select the Republican ballot.

The Combined ballot type is available for all voters, including Republicans. Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party, Alaskan Independence Party and Green Party of Alaska candidates will all appear on the Combined ballot.

The third ballot type will be the Ballot Measures Only ballot. No candidates will appear on the Ballot Measures Only ballot; this selection is for those voters who only wish to vote on ballot measures that appear on the Primary Ballot.

2008 Voters to choose from three ballots in the Primary.

Like the 2006 Primary, the Republican Party elects to have only Republican candidates appear on its ballot. Voters must be registered Republican, non-partisan or undeclared in order to select the Republican ballot.

To eliminate voter confusion, the Division of Elections changed the name of the Combined ballot type to A-D-L Candidate Ballot. The A-D-L ballot is available for all voters, including Republicans. Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party, and Alaskan Independence Party candidates will all appear on the A-D-L ballot.

The third ballot type will be the Ballot Measures Only ballot. No candidates will appear on the Ballot Measures Only ballot; this selection is for those voters who only wish to vote on ballot measures that appear on the Primary Ballot.

Primary Election Voter Turnout

Statehood – 2006

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Actual Votes Cast in Primary Election	% of Registered Voters who Voted in Primary
1958		46,929*	
1960		40,307*	
1962		41,140	
1964		33,728	
1966		53,667	
1968		54,589	
1970		72,414	
1972		57,141	
1974		84,585	
1976	187,803	55,233	29.4%
1978	224,118	108,057	48.2%
1980	242,898	102,409	42.2%
1982	241,264	139,133	57.7%
1984	278,443	97,837	35.1%
1986	279,743	150,768	53.9%
1988	272,420	116,663	42.8%
1990	283,826	144,373	50.9%
1992	296,461	124,026	41.8%
1994	325,260	116,117	35.7%
1996	405,397	122,866	30.3%
1998	446,200	109,906	24.6%
2000	460,321	79,145	17.2%
2002	453,248	114,740	25.3%
2004	457,825	129,145	28.2%
2006	459,364	160,847	35.02%

Note: The number of registered voters in Alaska from 1958-1974 are unavailable. Therefore, percentages of voters who voted in Primary Elections before 1976 cannot be determined.

***These numbers are estimates.**

Election Recount Statutes

The Division of Elections has included on this page and the following pages, sections in Title 15 that pertain to the election recount process.

Sec. 15.20.430. Authorization of recount application.

(a) A defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters who believe there has been a mistake made by an election official or by the counting board in counting the votes in an election, may file an application within five days after the completion of the state review to the director for a recount of the votes from any particular precinct or any house district and for any particular office, proposition, or question. However, the application may be filed only within three days after the completion of the state review after the general election for a recount of votes cast for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. If there is a tie vote as provided in [AS 15.15.460](#), the director shall initiate the recount and give notice to the interested parties as provided in [AS 15.20.470](#).

(b) The date on which the director receives an application rather than the date of mailing or transmission determines whether the application is filed within the time allowed under (a) of this section. If the actual physical delivery by telegram of a copy in substance of the statements made in the application for recount is received in the office of the director at or before 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard time on the due date, the application will be accepted; providing the original signed application is postmarked at or before 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard time of the same day.

Sec. 15.20.440. Form of application.

(a) The application shall state in substance the basis of the belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct or election district for which the recount is to be held, the particular office, proposition, or question for which the recount is to be held, and that the person making the application is a candidate or that the 10 persons making the application are qualified voters. The candidate or persons making the application shall designate by full name and mailing address two persons who shall represent the applicant and be present and assist during the recount. Any person may be named representative, including the candidate or any person signing the application. Applications by 10 qualified voters shall also include the designation of one of the number as chair. The candidate or persons making the application shall sign the application and shall print or type their full name and mailing address.

(b) Candidates, political parties, or organized groups having a direct interest in a recount and who are seeking to protect their interests during a recount may provide, at their own expense, two or more observers to witness the recount.

Sec. 15.20.450. Requirement of deposit.

The application must include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$1,000 for each precinct, \$2,000 for each house district, and \$15,000 for the entire state. If the recount includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the difference between the number of votes cast was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit, and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount, a candidate other than the candidate who received the original election certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in favor of or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining after the cost of the recount has been paid from the deposit.

Sec. 15.20.460. Determination of date of recount.

If the director determines that the application is substantially in the required form, the director shall fix the date of the recount to be held within three days after the receipt of an application requesting a recount of the general election votes cast for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and within five days after the receipt of an application requesting a recount for any other office, question, or proposition.

Sec. 15.20.470. Requirement of notice.

The director shall give the candidate or designated chairperson signing the application, the two or more persons appointed to represent the applicant during the recount, and other directly interested parties, notice of the time and place of the recount by certified mail, telegraph, telephone, or facsimile.

Sec. 15.20.480. Procedure for recount.

In conducting the recount, the director shall review all ballots, whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by computer or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot counting board, to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount, and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct certificate, and the review. The director shall count absentee ballots received before the completion of the recount. For administrative purposes, the director may join and include two or more applications in a single review and count of votes. The rules in [AS 15.15.360](#) governing the counting of ballots shall be followed in the recount when a ballot is challenged on the basis of a question regarding the voter's intent to vote for the candidate, proposition, or question. The ballots and other election material must remain in the custody of the director during the recount, and the highest degree of care shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The director may employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

Sec. 15.20.490. Certification of results.

If it is determined by recount that the plurality of votes was cast for a candidate, the director shall issue a certificate of election or nomination to the elected or nominated candidate as determined by the recount. If it is determined by the recount that a proposition or question should be certified as having received the required vote, the director shall so certify except that the lieutenant governor shall so certify if the proposition or question involves an initiative, a referendum, or a constitutional amendment.

Sec. 15.20.500. Authorization for expanding recount. [Repealed, Sec. 6 ch 26 SLA 1966].

Repealed or Renumbered

Sec. 15.20.510. Provision for appeal to courts.

A candidate or any person who requested a recount who has reason to believe an error has been made in the recount (1) involving any question or proposition or the validity of any ballot may appeal to the superior court in accordance with applicable court rules governing appeals in civil matters, and (2) involving candidates for the legislature or Congress or the office of governor and lieutenant governor may appeal to the supreme court in accordance with rules as may be adopted by the court. Appeal shall be filed within five days of the completion of the recount. Upon order of the court, the director shall furnish the record of the recount taken, including all ballots, registers, and other election material and papers pertaining to the election contest. The appeal shall be heard by the court sitting without a jury. The inquiry in the appeal shall extend to the questions whether or not the director has properly determined what ballots, parts of ballots, or marks for candidates on ballots are valid, and to which candidate or division on the question or proposition the vote should be attributed. The court shall enter judgment either setting aside, modifying, or affirming the action of the director on recount.

Sec. 15.20.520. Provision for appeal to legislature or Congress.

A candidate or persons who requested a recount, who have reason to believe an error has been made in the recount involving a candidate for the general election for the state legislature or Congress, may appeal to the chamber in which the candidate seeks membership in accordance with applicable rules of the legislature or Congress. Upon request of the legislature or Congress, the director shall furnish the record of the recount taken including all ballots, registers, and other election material and papers pertaining to the election contest.

Sec. 15.20.530. Determination of tie votes.

If after a recount and appeal two or more candidates tie in having the highest number of votes for the same office, the director shall notify the candidates who are tied. The director shall notify the candidates of a reasonably suitable time and place to determine the successful candidate by lot. After the determination has been made by lot, the director shall so certify.

Election Recount Statistics

Recounts That Broke a Tie or Changed the Election Results

Election & Candidates	Original Results	Recount Results
1958 Senate District B (2 year Term) William K. Boardman W.O. "Bo" Smith*	1953 1953	1947 1949
1972 Primary – House District 15 Gertrude B. "Bergie" Leen (R) R.J. Murran (R)*	171 171	175 187
1978 General – Senate District F Tim Kelly (R)* Ed Willis (D)	4409 4413	4437 4432
1998 General – House District 36 Irene K. Nicholia (D) Carl M. Morgan, Jr (R)*	2319 2319	2319 2325
2006 Primary – House District 37 Carl Moses (D) Bryce Edgmon (D)* *An appeal through the court system resulted in a tie vote with 767 votes for each candidate. A coin toss determined Bryce Edgmon as the winner	764 765	765 764

*This candidate won following the recount.

Recounts That Upheld the Certified Election Results

Primary Elections and Candidates
1974 Primary – House District 16: Nels A. Anderson (D)*, Joe McGill (D)
1978 Primary – Governor: Jay Hammond (R)*, Chancy Croft (D), Edward Merdes (D), Walter Hickel (R)
1982 Primary – Senate District J: David McCracken (R)*, Jack Goddard
1982 Primary – House District 23: Daniel E. Fondell (R)*, Diane T. Hemnes (R)
1982 Primary – House District 24: F. Kay Wallace (R)*, Bob Juettner (R)
1984 Primary – House District 12: Mary Ratcliff (D)*, Henry Lancaster (D), Bob Childers (D)
1984 Primary – House District 14: Marco Pignalberi (R)*, Ramona Barnes (R)
1986 Primary – Senate District F, Seat B: Jan Faiks (R)*, Arndt Von Hippel (R)
1992 Primary – House District 32: Al Vezey (R)*, Urban Rahoï (R), Joe Ryan (R)
1996 Primary – House District 21: Ann Spohnholz (D)*, Sharon M. Cissna (D)
1998 Primary – House District 31: Valerie Therrien (D)*, Tonya Brown (D)
1998 Primary – Senate District R: Scott Smith (R)*, Phyllis Tate (R)
2006 Primary – Senate District S: Willy Keppel (R), Norman Ayagalria (R)*

*This candidate won following the recount.

General Elections and Candidates

1972 General - House District 10: Willard L. Bowman (D)*, Richard L. McVeigh (D), Leo Schachle (R)
1974 General – Governor/Lt. Governor: Jay S. Hammond/Lowell Thomas, Jr. (R)*, William A. “Bill” Egan/H.A. “Red” Boucher (D), Joseph E. Vogler/Wayne M. Peppler (AIP)
1974 General – House District 18: Jimmy Huntington (R)*, Martin Moore (D)
1976 General - House District 9: Joe McKinnon (D)*, Tom Weiss (R)
1976 General - House District 16: Nels Anderson (D)*, Joe McGill (D)
1980 General - House District 6: Pat Carney (D)*, Max Elliot (R)
1980 General - House District 7: Mike Beirne (R)*, Virginia dal Piaz (D)
1980 General - House District 9: Thelma Buchholdt (D)*, Jim Kubitz (D)
1980 General - House District 13: Hugh Malone (D)*, Milo Fritz (R)
1980 General - House District 16: Joseph Chuckwuk (D)*, Dan O’Hara (R)
1980 General - House District 20: Sally Smith (D)*, Niilo Emil Koponen (D)
1982 General - Senate District D: Paul Fischer (R)*, Philip J. Smith (D)
1982 General - House District 12: Rick Uehling (R)*, Virginia dal Piaz (D)
1984 General - House District 5 Seat A: Mike Navarre (D)*, John Davis (L), Merrill Sikorski (R)
1990 General - House District 13 Seat B: Terry Martin (R)*, Ann Spohnholz (D)
1992 General - House District 1: William Williams (D)*, Carrol Fader (R)
1992 General - House District 11: Jim Nordlund (D)*, Norman Rokeberg (R)
1994 General – Governor/Lt. Governor: Jim Campbell/Mike Miller (R), Tony Knowles/Fran Ulmer (D)*
1996 General - House District 13: Berkowitz, Ethan (D)*, Sullivan, Casey (R)
1996 General - House District 21: Ryan, Joe (R)*, Morgan, Barbara J. (NL)
1998 General - House District 35: John L. Harris (R)*, Thomas Van Brocklin (D)
2002 General – House District 32: Mike Hawker (R)*, Patricia Abney
2004 General – United States Senator: Lisa Murkowski (R)*, Tony Knowles (D)
2004 General – House District 5: William Thomas (R) *, Tim June (D)