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Division of Elections

**Media Packet**



**General Election**  
November 6, 2012

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## 2012 Important Election Dates

<b>September 19, 2012</b>	Last day for candidates to withdraw names from General Election ballot.
<b>September 21, 2012</b>	First mailing of absentee ballots to military and overseas voters.
<b>October 6, 2012</b>	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>October 7, 2012</b>	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.
<b>October 12, 2012</b>	First mailing of regular absentee by-mail ballots for General Election, then daily as needed.
<b>October 15, 2012</b>	Deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> to be mailed to Alaska voter households.
<b>October 22 – November 5, 2012</b>	Absentee in-person, electronic, special needs and early voting available for the General Election.
<b>October 27, 2012</b>	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail ballot applications for the General Election.
<b>November 3, 2012</b>	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Elections Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>November 4, 2012</b>	Absentee in-person and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>November 5, 2012</b>	Applications for absentee ballot by fax must be received by 5:00pm Alaska time.
<b>November 6, 2012</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</b> – 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.
<b>November 13-14, 2012</b>	Possible count of absentee, remaining early and questioned ballots in those regions that have completed ballot review.
<b>November 16, 2012</b>	Deadline to receive by mail ballots mailed from within the United States.
<b>November 16-19, 2012</b>	As regions complete their ballot review for absentee and questioned ballots, they will schedule the ballot counting.

<b>November 19-20, 2012</b>	Target date to perform hand-count verification of election results.
<b>November 21, 2012</b>	Deadline to receive by mail ballots mailed from overseas addresses.
<b>November 21, 2012</b>	Regional offices must have all absentee and questioned ballots reviewed, opened and counted by this date.
<b>December 3, 2012</b>	Target date to certify 2012 General election.

# Election Central Information

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General Election Day is November 6, 2012

The Division of Elections has arranged for space and equipment to view the election results at the following locations. **The division will not be providing hard copies of the results at election central locations.**

If you have equipment, telephone or other needs, you can make arrangements directly through the designated contact person listed below. The division makes no special arrangements for media personnel.

## **Anchorage Election Central**

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center  
Phyllis Rice, 907-263-2848  
phyllis@anchorageconventioncenters.com

## **Fairbanks Election Central**

Westmark Hotel – Gold Room  
Tricia Rowles – 907-459-7739

## **Juneau Election Central**

Baranof Hotel – Treadwell Room  
Justin Rose – 907-586-2660

# Voting Information

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General Election Day is November 6, 2012

## 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 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. 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.

# Polling Places

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Due to redistricting of the legislative districts, precinct boundaries and polling places were changed to conform to the new districts adopted April 5, 2012 by the Alaska Redistricting Board. The precinct boundaries and polling places will be in effect again for the November 6, 2012 General election.

In July 2012, registered voters were sent a new voter identification card and notice of polling location. Voters are encouraged to go to their assigned polling place. If you go to a different polling location, you will be required to vote a questioned ballot.

If you are not sure where your assigned polling location is, you have the following options:

- **Scan the bar code on your my.Alaska.gov voter ID card.**
- **Locate your polling place by entering your address online at:**

[www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

- **Call the Polling Place locator at 1-888-383-8683, or in Anchorage, please call 269-8683.**
- **Call your regional elections office:**
  - **Region I - Juneau**  
House District 28 – 35  
907-465-3021, or Toll Free 1-866-948-8683
  - **Region II – Anchorage/Mat-Su**  
House Districts 7 – 27  
907-522-8683 or Toll Free 1-866-958-8683
  - **Region III – Fairbanks**  
House Districts 1 – 6, 38, 39  
907-451-2835 or Toll Free 1-866-959-8683
  - **Region IV – Nome**  
House Districts 36, 37, 40  
907-443-5285 or Toll Free 1-866-953-8683

**You can also see if you are registered and check your registration information online!**

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# What's on the 2012 General Election Ballot?

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## **Candidate Races on Ballot**

**President/Vice President**

**United States Representative**

**State Senate**

*(Districts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, Q, R, S, T)*

**State Representative**

*All 40 House Districts*

**Judicial Retention**

Supreme Court Justice

Court of Appeals Judge

Superior and District Court Judges

## **Ballot Measures on Ballot**

**Bonding Proposition A – State General Obligation Transportation Project Bonds**

Legislative Affairs Agency Neutral Summary:

The voters are asked if the state should issue bonds. The bonds will be used for transportation projects. The projects are listed. The total amount of the bonds will be \$453,499,200.

**Ballot Measure #1 – Constitutional Convention Question**

Legislative Affairs Agency Neutral Summary:

This question relates to a call for a constitutional convention. At the convention the state constitution may be amended or revised, subject to approval by the voters. Under the state constitution, the voters must have the chance to vote on the question of whether there should be a constitutional convention if there has not been a convention during the last ten years. There has not been a convention in the last ten years. This question asks voters to say whether there should be a constitutional convention.

**State of Alaska**  
**Division of Elections**  
**House and Senate District Designations**

Based on "Amended Proclamation of Redistricting" April 5, 2012

<b>SENATE DISTRICT</b>	<b>HOUSE DISTRICT</b>	<b>HOUSE DISTRICT</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>1</b> North Pole/Eielson	<b>2</b> Farmers Loop/Two Rivers
<b>B</b>	<b>3</b> Fairbanks/Wainwright	<b>4</b> City of Fairbanks
<b>C</b>	<b>5</b> Chena Ridge	<b>6</b> Richardson Highway
<b>D</b>	<b>7</b> Rural Mat-Su	<b>8</b> Greater Palmer
<b>E</b>	<b>9</b> Greater Wasilla	<b>10</b> Big Lake/Point McKenzie
<b>F</b>	<b>11</b> Butte/Chugiak	<b>12</b> Eagle River
<b>G</b>	<b>13</b> Elmendorf	<b>14</b> College Gate
<b>H</b>	<b>15</b> University	<b>16</b> Spenard
<b>I</b>	<b>17</b> Mountainview	<b>18</b> Downtown
<b>J</b>	<b>19</b> West Anchorage	<b>20</b> Sand Lake
<b>K</b>	<b>21</b> Oceanview	<b>22</b> Taku
<b>L</b>	<b>23</b> Huffman	<b>24</b> Abbott
<b>M</b>	<b>25</b> Basher	<b>26</b> Eagle River Valley
<b>N</b>	<b>27</b> South Anchorage	<b>28</b> North Kenai
<b>O</b>	<b>29</b> Kenai/Soldotna	<b>30</b> Homer/South Kenai
<b>P</b>	<b>31</b> Mendenhall Valley	<b>32</b> Downtown Juneau/Skagway/Petersburg
<b>Q</b>	<b>33</b> Ketchikan/Wrangell	<b>34</b> Southeast Islands
<b>R</b>	<b>35</b> Kodiak/Cordova	<b>36</b> Dillingham/Illiamna
<b>S</b>	<b>37</b> Bethel/Aleutians	<b>38</b> Wade Hampton/McKinley
<b>T</b>	<b>39</b> Bering Straits/Interior Villages	<b>40</b> Arctic

## JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	PRECINCT	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
All of Districts 1 - 5		4
All of District 6		3
<i>except</i>	06-600 Big Delta	4
	06-608 Delta Junction	4
All of Districts 7 - 30		3
All of Districts 31-34		1
All of District 35		3
<i>except</i>	35-860 Yakutat	1
All of District 36		4
<i>except</i>	36-006 Aleknagik	3
	36-020 Dillingham	3
	36-022 Ekwok	3
	36-028 King Salmon	3
	36-032 Koliganek	3
	36-040 Lake Iliamna No. 1	3
	36-042 Lake Iliamna No. 2	3
	36-044 Levelock	3
	36-048 Manokotak	3
	36-050 Naknek	3
	36-056 New Stuyahok	3
	36-062 Nondalton	3
	36-066 Pedro Bay	3
	36-074 South Naknek	3
	36-084 Tyonek	3
All of District 37		3
<i>except</i>	37-706 Bethel No. 1	4
	37-708 Bethel No. 2	4
	37-716 Eek	4
	37-720 Goodnews Bay	4
	37-724 Mekoryuk	4
	37-728 Quinhagak	4
All of District 38		4
All of District 39		4
<i>except</i>	39-020 Chistochina	3
	39-025 Copper Center	3
	39-035 Gakona	3
	39-047 Kenny Lake	3
	39-053 Mentasta	3
	39-400 Brevig Mission	2
	39-405 Diomedede	2
	39-410 Elim	2
	39-415 Gambell	2
	39-420 Golovin	2
	39-425 Koyuk	2
	39-430 Nome No. 1	2
	39-435 Nome No. 2	2
	39-440 Savoonga	2
	39-445 Shaktoolik	2
	39-450 Shishmaref	2
	39-455 St. Michael	2
	39-460 Stebbins	2
	39-465 Teller	2
	39-470 Unalakleet	2
	39-475 Wales	2
	39-480 White Mountain	2
All of District 40		2

# Election Results

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The Division of Elections will begin posting election results beginning at approximately 9:00p.m on election night and will continue to update the results every 15-20 minutes after the polls close until results have been received by all precincts.

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.
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](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)**

# Sample Statewide Summary

State of Alaska 2010 General Election		Date: 11/30/10
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Registered Voters 494876 - Cards Cast 258746 52.29%

Num. Report Precinct 438 - Num. Reporting 438 100.00%

US REPRESENTATIVE			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		438	
Precincts Reporting		438	100.0 %
Times Counted	258746/494876		52.3 %
Total Votes		254335	
Crawford, Harry T.	DEM	77606	30.51%
Young, Don	REP	175384	68.96%
Write-in Votes		1345	0.53%

SENATE DISTRICT H			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		17	
Precincts Reporting		17	100.0 %
Times Counted	17282/31925		54.1 %
Total Votes		14617	
Huggins, Charlie R.	REP	14111	96.54%
Write-in Votes		506	3.46%

GOVERNOR/LT GOVERNOR			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		438	
Precincts Reporting		438	100.0 %
Times Counted	258746/494876		52.3 %
Total Votes		256192	
Berkowitz/Benson	DEM	96519	37.67%
Parnell/Treadwell	REP	151318	59.06%
Toien/Brown	LIB	2682	1.05%
Wright, Donald R.	AI	4775	1.86%
Write-in Votes		898	0.35%

SENATE DISTRICT J			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	8836/22038		40.1 %
Total Votes		8556	
Slepecki, Ron	REP	3550	41.49%
Wielechowski, Bill	DEM	4975	58.15%
Write-in Votes		31	0.36%

SENATE DISTRICT B			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		16	
Precincts Reporting		16	100.0 %
Times Counted	14047/24914		56.4 %
Total Votes		12049	
Egan, Dennis	DEM	11683	96.96%
Write-in Votes		366	3.04%

SENATE DISTRICT L			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		16	
Precincts Reporting		16	100.0 %
Times Counted	10718/24126		44.4 %
Total Votes		10062	
Ellis, Johnny	DEM	6159	61.21%
Wanda, Richard M.	REP	3852	38.28%
Write-in Votes		51	0.51%

SENATE DISTRICT D			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		22	
Precincts Reporting		22	100.0 %
Times Counted	17490/29813		58.7 %
Total Votes		17013	
Higgins, Pete	REP	7245	42.59%
Thomas, Joe J.	DEM	9723	57.15%
Write-in Votes		45	0.26%

SENATE DISTRICT N			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	14765/25857		57.1 %
Total Votes		14096	
McGuire, Lesil	REP	9746	69.14%
DesJarlais, Clinton	NA	590	4.19%
Cullinane, Ed	DEM	3697	26.23%
Write-in Votes		63	0.45%

SENATE DISTRICT F			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		19	
Precincts Reporting		19	100.0 %
Times Counted	12537/27183		46.1 %
Total Votes		10983	
Coghil, John B.	REP	10678	97.22%
Write-in Votes		305	2.78%

SENATE DISTRICT P			
		Total	
Number of Precincts		20	
Precincts Reporting		20	100.0 %
Times Counted	18938/30208		62.7 %
Total Votes		18402	
Reiser, Janet L.	DEM	7042	38.27%
Giessel, Catherine A	REP	9255	50.29%
Dziubinski, Philip L	NA	2072	11.26%
Write-in Votes		33	0.18%

# Sample Statement of Votes Cast

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	TURN OUT			US SENATOR							
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	Carter, Tim (NA)	Cranonstos, Ted (NA)	Haase, Fredrick (LIB)	McAdams, Scott T. (DEM)	Miller, Joe (REP)	Write-In Votes
Jurisdiction Wide											
01-110 Ketchikan No. 1	2089	605	28.96%	2089	598	2	1	5	151	133	306
01-120 Ketchikan No. 2	2285	845	36.98%	2285	837	3	5	6	147	230	446
01-130 Ketchikan No. 3	1661	598	36.00%	1661	591	1	1	4	81	188	316
01-140 North Tongass No. 1	851	313	36.78%	851	310	1	0	1	57	134	117
01-150 North Tongass No. 2	1667	689	41.33%	1667	682	1	1	5	119	269	287
01-160 Saxman	275	120	43.64%	275	118	1	1	1	17	9	89
01-170 South Tongass	1554	577	37.13%	1554	573	1	0	0	91	207	274
01-180 Thome Bay	529	181	34.22%	529	180	2	1	2	37	116	22
01-185 Coffman Cove	162	74	45.68%	162	74	0	0	0	15	34	25
District 1 - Absentee	0	1109	-	0	1097	5	4	9	262	377	440
District 1 - Question	0	308	-	0	303	1	0	3	61	76	162
District 1 - Early Voting	0	8	-	0	8	0	0	0	5	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11073</b>	<b>5427</b>	<b>49.01%</b>	<b>11073</b>	<b>5371</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1776</b>	<b>2484</b>

# Early, Absentee and Questioned Ballot Information

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## Post Election Ballot Counting Schedule

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early ballots voted through November 5<sup>th</sup></li></ul>   |
| Tuesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early ballots voted on Election Day</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> count of absentee and questioned ballots that have been reviewed – Regions I, II and III</li></ul> |
| Wednesday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> count of absentee and questioned ballots that have been reviewed – Mat-Su</li></ul>  |
| Friday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remaining absentee and questioned ballots Regions I, III, IV and Mat-Su</li></ul>   |
| Monday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remaining absentee and questioned ballots Region II</li></ul>   |
| Wednesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final count special absentee ballots – all regions</li></ul>  |

## **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, electronically 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 Electronically**

**Absentee By Mail** - Absentee ballot applications can be submitted after January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 General election must be received by October 27, 2012. Voters should apply early to ensure timely delivery of their ballot. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

**Absentee Voting By Electronic Transmission** - Voting by electronic transmission should be the voter's last alternative for casting a ballot. Voters may apply for electronic voting October 22, 2012 through 5:00pm Alaska Time on November 5, 2012. Voters may return their voted ballot by mail or by electronic transmission. If a voter returns the voted ballot electronically, 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 Absentee Ballots** - A voter who may be living, traveling or working outside the United States or in a remote area of Alaska may request a special absentee ballot when applying for a by mail ballot. Special absentee ballots are mailed beginning 60 days prior to the election. In addition to the special absentee ballot, voters are mailed the official ballot. Voters are encouraged to vote and return both ballots. If both ballots are returned in time, only the official ballot is counted.

### **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'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 Ballots**

The results from absentee, questioned and early ballots are included in the statewide summary report. In addition, the statement of votes cast includes a breakdown of the results in each House District. Following is a summary of ballot counting for absentee, questioned and early voted ballots:

### **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballots are counted by House District. As part of the review process and prior to counting absentee ballots, the division performs a cross-check of the names of absentee voters against the signed precinct registers to ensure the voter did not vote at the polls. Once this cross-check is complete and the ballots have been reviewed by the absentee ballot review board, the ballots can be opened and counted. Regional Elections offices are expected to conduct the first count of absentee ballots on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The regional office will then count again between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The statutory deadline for receiving and counting official absentee ballots is 15 days following the election. After all official ballots are counted, special advance ballots will be counted.

### **Questioned Ballots**

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. As part of the review process and prior to counting questioned ballots, the division performs a cross-check of the names of questioned ballot voters against the signed precinct registers to ensure the voter did not cast a ballot in the precinct he/she is registered and also vote a questioned ballot at another precinct. Once this cross-check is complete and the ballots have been reviewed by the questioned ballot review board, the ballots can be opened and counted. Questioned ballots are generally counted beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election and again between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The statutory deadline for counting questioned ballots is 15 days following the election.

### **Early Voted 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 on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election.

## **“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.

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

**[www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)**

# Alaska's Ballot Counting System

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Alaska uses three different methods to count ballots at the precinct level:

- ❖ Hand-count (133 precincts)
- ❖ Optical Scan (305 precincts)
- ❖ Touch Screen w/ voter verifiable paper trail

Alaska's ballot tabulation system has a paper trail of every ballot cast. 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 equipped with a voter-verifiable paper trail that allows the voter to verify the printed version of the ballot prior to casting the ballot. 99% of all voters in Alaska cast a paper ballot. The touch screen voting units are used by 1% of the voters.

The ballot tabulation system used in Alaska to produce and count ballots is federally certified and is thoroughly tested prior to each election. It is a stand-alone system that is not connected to the internet or to a network.

Each optical scan and touch screen voting unit, along with their corresponding memory cards are tested prior to the election. A functionality test is conducted to ensure the equipment is in proper working order. Two different logic and accuracy tests are performed, by two different bi-partisan boards, on memory cards to ensure the cards are counting the ballots correctly. In addition to this testing, the division performs a HASH code verification on the software used in the ballot tabulation system computers prior to the election to verify the software on Alaska's computers match the certified software that is in the National Software Reference Library (NSRL) maintained by the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST). The HASH verification is an extra security measure implemented in Alaska to ensure the software used in Alaska's ballot tabulation system has not been tampered with.

In addition to the pre-election testing, the division is required by law to conduct a verification of machine counts by hand-counting 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 after the election to verify the election results are accurate. If we find a discrepancy of more than 1% in the hand-count verification, we are required to hand-count all of the ballots cast in the district. There has never been a discrepancy of 1% or greater during the 6 years that this requirement has been in place. In fact, the few minor discrepancies that have been found were related to "marginally" marked ballots – meaning the voter did not completely fill in the oval for his/her selection, as instructed, and the optical scan unit could not detect the mark.

In an effort to ensure the state's ballot tabulation system is secure, the Lt. Governor and the Division of Elections commissioned the University of Alaska, Anchorage to conduct a study in 2007 and 2008 to examine the security of the state's election system. As part of the review, UAA examined not only the voting technology but also the policies and procedures used by the Division of Elections that add to the security of the system. The University found that Alaska's system is among the most secure in the country. Although

the overall system was found to be secure, the University provided several recommendations to further improve security. The Division of Elections has since implemented all recommendations provided by the University. The most recent recommendation implemented by the division was the upgrade, in 2011, of the ballot tabulation system's software to Assure 1.2. The Assure 1.2 software upgrade includes significant improvements to overall system security and addressed known vulnerabilities in the previous version of the software.

The testing, security and verification processes used by the Division of Elections during each election and reviewed by the University of Alaska, Anchorage, along with the upgrade of the ballot tabulation system software, ensures that Alaska's ballot tabulation system is secure and our election results are accurate.

Based on Amended Proclamation of Redistricting dated April 5, 2012

## **Region 1**

Districts 28 - 35

Southeast Alaska, Prince William Sound, Kodiak and Kenai Peninsula

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
28-100	Bear Creek	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-110	Cooper Landing	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-120	Hope	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-130	Mackey Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-140	Moose Pass	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-150	Nikiski	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-160	Salamatof	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-170	Seward/Lowell Point	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-180	Sterling No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
28-190	Sterling No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-200	Central	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-210	K Beach	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-220	Kenai No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-230	Kenai No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-240	Kenai No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
29-250	Soldotna	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-300	Anchor Point	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-310	Diamond Ridge	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-320	Fox River	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-330	Funny River No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-340	Funny River No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-350	Homer No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-360	Homer No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-370	Kachemak/Fritz Creek	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-380	Kasilof	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-390	Ninilchik	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
30-395	Seldovia/Kachemak Bay	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-400	Auke Bay	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-410	Juneau Airport	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-420	Lynn Canal	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-430	Mendenhall No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-440	Mendenhall No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-450	Mendenhall No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
31-460	Mendenhall No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-500	Douglas	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-505	Gustavus	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-510	Juneau No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
32-515	Juneau No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-520	Juneau No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-525	Lemon Creek	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-530	North Douglas	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-535	Petersburg-Kupreanof	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-540	Skagway	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
32-545	Tenakee Springs	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-600	Ketchikan No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-610	Ketchikan No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-620	Ketchikan No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-630	North Prince of Wales	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-640	North Tongass No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-650	North Tongass No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-660	Saxman	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-670	South Tongass	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-680	Thorne Bay	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
33-690	Wrangell	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-700	Angoon	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-705	Craig	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-710	Haines No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-715	Haines No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-720	Hoonah	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-725	Hydaburg	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-730	Kake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-735	Kasaan	Hand Count, Touch Screen
34-740	Klawock	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-745	Klukwan	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-750	Metlakatla	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-755	Pelican	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-760	Port Alexander	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-765	Sitka No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
34-770	Sitka No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-800	Chiniak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-805	Cordova	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-810	Flats	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-815	Kodiak Island South	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-820	Kodiak No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-825	Kodiak No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-830	Mission Road	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
35-835	Old Harbor	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-840	Ouzinkie	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-845	Port Lions	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-850	Tatitlek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
35-855	Whittier	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
35-860	Yakutat	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

## **Region II**

Districts 7 - 27

Municipality of Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna Borough

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
07-005	Kings Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-010	Church	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-015	Tanaina	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-020	Houston	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-025	Meadow Lakes No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-030	Susitna	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-035	Talkeetna	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-040	Trapper Creek	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
07-045	Willow	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-055	Walby	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-060	Greater Palmer	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-065	Mat-Su Campus	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-070	Palmer City No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-075	Palmer City No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-080	Palmer Fishhook	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-085	Trunk	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-090	Seward Meridian	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
08-095	Springer Loop	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-100	Lakes	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-105	Pioneer Peak	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-110	Schrock	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-115	Wasilla Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-120	Wasilla No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
09-125	Wasilla No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-130	Meadow Lakes No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-135	Meadow Lakes No.3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-140	Knik Goose Bay No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-145	Knik Goose Bay No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-150	Knik Goose Bay No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
10-155	Big Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-200	Fairview No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-205	Fairview No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-210	Snowshoe	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-215	Lazy Mountain	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
11-220	Butte	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-225	Eklutna	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
11-230	Peters Creek No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-235	Peters Creek No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-240	Fire Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-245	JBER No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-250	Downtown Eagle River No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
12-255	Chugach Park No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-300	JBER No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-305	Creekside Park	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-310	Muldoon No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-315	Muldoon No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
13-320	North Muldoon	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-325	Russian Jack	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-330	Nunaka Valley	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-335	Northeast Anchorage	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-340	College Gate	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-345	Chester Valley	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-350	Reflection Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
14-355	Wonder Park	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-400	Midtown No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-405	University No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-410	University No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-415	Far North Bicentennial	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-420	Tudor No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-425	Tudor No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
15-430	East Anchorage	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-435	Inlet View No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-440	Turnagain No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-445	Turnagain No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-450	Willow Crest	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-455	Spenard No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-460	Spenard No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-465	Spenard No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-470	Fireweed	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-475	Midtown No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
16-480	Rogers Park	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-500	North Mt. View No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-505	North Mt. View No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-510	South Mt. View No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-515	South Mt. View No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
17-520	Airport Heights No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
17-525	Airport Heights No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-530	Government Hill	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-535	Merrill Field	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-540	Downtown Anchorage No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-545	Downtown Anchorage No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-550	Downtown Anchorage No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-555	Downtown Anchorage No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-560	Westchester No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-565	Westchester No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
18-570	Fairview	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-600	Inlet View No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-605	Conners Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-610	Sandlake No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-615	Sand Lake No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-620	Lake Spenard	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-625	Lake Hood	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-630	Turnagain No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
19-635	Turnagain No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-640	Dimond No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-645	Kincaid	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-650	Jewel Lake No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-655	Jewel Lake No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-660	Campbell Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-665	Sand Lake No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
20-670	Sand Lake No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-700	Huffman No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-705	Huffman No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-710	Klatt	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-715	Southport	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-720	Ocean View No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-725	Ocean View No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
21-730	Bayshore	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-735	Northwood	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-740	Arctic	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-745	Midtown No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-750	Taku	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-755	Campbell Creek No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-760	Campbell Creek No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-765	Campbell Creek No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
22-770	Dimond No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
23-800	Abbott Loop No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-805	Abbott Loop No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-810	Huffman No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-815	Huffman No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-820	Huffman No. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-825	Independence Park No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-830	Independence Park No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
23-835	O'Malley	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-840	East Dowling	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-845	Abbott Loop No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-850	Abbott loop No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-855	Lore No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-860	Lore No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-865	Independence Park No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
24-870	Laurel/Dowling	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-900	Cheney Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-905	Muldoon No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-910	Muldoon No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-915	Chugach Foothills No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-920	Chugach Foothill No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-925	Scenic Park	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-930	Baxter	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
25-935	Stuckagain Heights	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-940	Downtown Eagle River No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-945	Meadow Creek No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-950	Meadow Creek No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-955	Eagle River No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-960	Eagle River No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-965	Chugach Park No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
26-970	Hiland	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-105	Rabbit Creek No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-110	Rabbit Creek No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-115	Huffman No. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-120	Huffman No. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-125	Bear Valley	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-130	Indian	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-135	Girdwood	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-140	Goldenview	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
27-145	Chugach Park No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

## Region III

Districts 1 – 6, 38 and 39

Fairbanks and Greater Fairbanks, Interior and Western Alaska, Eastern Mat-Su

District-Precinct	Name	Type of Count
01-135	Chena Lakes	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-145	Eielson	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-155	Moose Creek	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-165	Newby	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-175	North Pole	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-183	Plack	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
01-195	Salcha No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-235	Badger No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-245	Fox	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-255	Steele Creek/Gilmore	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-265	Steese East	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-270	Steese West	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
02-275	Two Rivers	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-345	Badger No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-355	Fairbanks No. 8	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-365	Fairbanks No. 9	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-375	Fort Wainwright	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
03-385	Richardson	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-446	Aurora	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-455	Fairbanks No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-465	Fairbanks No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-470	Fairbanks No. 3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-475	Fairbanks No. 4	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-480	Fairbanks No. 5	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-485	Fairbanks No. 6	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-490	Fairbanks No. 7	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-495	Fairbanks No. 10	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
04-499	Lakeview	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-580	Airport	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-582	Chena	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-584	Farmers Loop	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-586	Geist	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-588	Pike	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-590	Salcha No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-592	Shanly	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-594	University Campus	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
05-596	University West	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-600	Big Delta	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
06-608	Delta Junction	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-622	Farm Loop	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-628	Fishhook	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-632	Glennallen	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-640	Sheep Mountain	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-645	Sutton	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-650	Valdez No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-655	Valdez No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
06-660	Valdez No.3	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-805	Anderson	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-810	Cantwell	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-815	Clear	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-820	Denali Park	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-825	Ester	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-827	Goldstream No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-830	Goldstream No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-833	Grayling	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-835	Healy	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-845	Manley Hot Springs	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-853	McGrath	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-855	Minto	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-863	Nenana	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-865	Nikolai	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-870	Ruby	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-890	Tanana	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-893	Takotna	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-895	University Hills	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
38-900	Alakanuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-904	Chevak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-910	Emmonak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-916	Hooper Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-918	Kotlik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-920	Marshall	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-922	Mountain Village	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-928	Nunam Iqua	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-930	Pilot Station	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-936	Scammon Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
38-940	St. Mary's	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-005	Allakaket	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-007	Arctic Village	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-010	Beaver	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-012	Bettles	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-015	Central	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-020	Chistochina	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-023	Circle	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-025	Copper Center	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
39-027	Dot Lake	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-030	Eagle	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-033	Fort Yukon	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-035	Gakona	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-037	Galena	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-040	Hughes	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-043	Huslia	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-045	Kaltag	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-047	Kenny Lake	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-050	Koyukuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-053	Mentasta	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-055	Northway	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-060	Nulato	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-070	Stevens Village	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-075	Tanacross	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-085	Tetlin	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-090	Tok	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-095	Venetie	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-400	Brevig Mission	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-405	Diomedea	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-410	Elim	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-415	Gambell	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-420	Golovin	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-425	Koyuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-430	Nome No.1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-435	Nome No.2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-440	Savoonga	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-445	Shaktoolik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-450	Shishmaref	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-455	St. Michael	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-460	Stebbins	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-465	Teller	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-470	Unalakleet	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
39-475	Wales	Hand Count, Touch Screen
39-480	White Mountain	Hand Count, Touch Screen

## **Region IV**

Districts 36-37, 40

Northern and Southwest Alaska, Aleutian Chain, Western Cook Inlet

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
36-002	Akiachak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-004	Akiak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-006	Aleknagik	Hand Count, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
36-008	Aniak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-010	Anvik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-012	Atmautluak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-014	Chefornak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-016	Chuathbaluk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-018	Crooked Creek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-020	Dillingham	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
36-022	Ekwok	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-024	Holy Cross	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-026	Kasigluk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-028	King Salmon	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-030	Kipnuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-032	Koliganek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-034	Kongiganak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-036	Kwethluk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-038	Kwigillingok	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-040	Lake Iliamna No. 1	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-042	Lake Iliamna No. 2	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-044	Levelock	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-046	Lower Kalskag	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-048	Manokotak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-050	Naknek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-052	Napakiak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-054	Napaskiak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-056	New Stuyahok	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-058	Newtok	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-060	Nightmute	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-062	Nondalton	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-064	Nunapitchuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-066	Pedro Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-068	Russian Mission	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-070	Shageluk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-072	Sleetmute	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-074	South Naknek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-076	Toksook Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-078	Tuluksak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-080	Tuntutuliak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-082	Tununak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-084	Tyonek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
36-086	Upper Kalskag	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-700	Akutan	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-702	Aleutians No. 1	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-704	Aleutians No. 2 (Unalaska)	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-706	Bethel No. 1	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
37-708	Bethel No. 2	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

<b>District-Precinct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Count</b>
37-710	Chignik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-712	Clark's Point	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-714	Cold Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-716	Eek	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-718	Egegik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-720	Goodnews Bay	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-722	King Cove	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-724	Mekoryuk	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-726	Port Heiden	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-728	Quinhagak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-730	Sand Point	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-732	St. George Island	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-734	St. Paul Island	Hand Count, Touch Screen
37-736	Togiak	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-002	Ambler	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-004	Anaktuvuk Pass	Optical Scan, Touch Screen
40-006	Atkasuk	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
40-036	Selawik	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-038	Shungnak	Hand Count, Touch Screen
40-040	Wainwright	Optical Scan, Touch Screen

**General Election Voter Turnout**  
**Statehood – 2010**

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Actual Votes Cast in General Election	% of Registered Voters who Voted in General
1958		50,343	
1960		62,177	
1962		60,084	
1964		68,858	
1966		67,361	
1968		84,902	
1970		82,405	
1972		98,581	
1974		98,557	
1976	207,190	127,877	61.7%
1978	238,434	129,705	54.4%
1980	258,742	162,653	62.9%
1982	266,224	199,358	74.9%
1984	305,262	213,173	69.8%
1986	292,274	182,526	62.5%
1988	292,441	203,433	69.6%
1990	300,467	197,540	65.7%
1992	315,058	261,427	83.0%
1994	336,226	216,668	64.4%
1996	414,817	245,212	59.1%
1998	453,332	227,156	50.1%
2000	473,648	287,825	60.8%
2002	460,855	232,852	50.5%
2004	472,160	314,502	66.6%
2006	466,258	238,307	51.1%
2008	495,731	327,341	66.03%
2010	494,876	258,746	52.29%

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

# Election Recount Statutes

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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

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## Recounts That Broke a Tie or Changed the Election Results

Election & Candidates	Original Results	Recount Results
<b>1958 Senate District B (2 year Term)</b> William K. Boardman W.O. "Bo" Smith*	1953 1953	1947 1949
<b>1972 Primary – House District 15</b> Gertrude B. "Bergie" Leen (R) R.J. Murrin (R)*	171 171	175 187
<b>1978 General – Senate District F</b> Tim Kelly (R)* Ed Willis (D)	4409 4413	4437 4432
<b>1998 General – House District 36</b> Irene K. Nicholia (D) Carl M. Morgan, Jr (R)*	2319 2319	2319 2325
<b>2006 Primary – House District 37</b> 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 Rahoi (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)*
2010 Primary – House District 12: Eric Feige (R)*, Don Haase (R), Pete Fellman (R)
2010 Primary – House District 18: Dan Saddler (R)*, Bill Cook (R), Dan Kendall (R)

\*This candidate won following the recount.

<b>General Elections and Candidates</b>
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. Pepler (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), Merril 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)
2008 General – House District 7: Karl Kassel (D), Mike Kelly (R)*