

State of Alaska  
Division of Elections  
Media Packet

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Primary Election  
August 21, 2018

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STATE OF ALASKA  
Division of Elections  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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Dear Statewide Press,

Thank you for all you do to keep Alaskans informed of issues that impact their daily lives. We look forward to working with you as we conduct our 2018 Primary and General Elections.

The Division of Elections has compiled a media packet to guide you with background information and important deadlines. It's just as important to us as it is to you to convey accurate information about elections to the public.

We highly encourage you to attend our teleconferences once they begin as an opportunity for you to ask us questions beforehand and go over the media packet with you. We also suggest reporters browse through our website prior to the elections since many answers to background and process questions are already provided on our website.

Our team is busy preparing for successful election days so that our eligible voters will have a great experience as they participate in the democratic process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josie Bahnke".

Josie Bahnke  
Director, Division of Elections

**\*\*\*Teleconference Dates\*\*\***

**Call-in line: 1-800-315-6338**

**Access Code: 35351#**

**Who: Division of Elections & Media Representatives**

**What: Media Packet Review & Q/A Session**

**Where: Juneau DOE Conference Room/Teleconference**

**When: Teleconferences will be from 2-3p.m.**

**July - 23**

**August – 6, 13, 20**

**Why: The division is holding teleconferences leading up to Election Day to assist members of the press with background information, interview requests protocol and questions before Election Day. The goal is to have everyone on the same page so that we can accomplish our goals as smoothly as possible.**

**\*Please note, if no one has called in or joined DOE in person for the teleconference after the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the division will consider the meeting adjourned.**

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## 2018 Important Election Dates

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<b>June 1, 2018</b>	Deadline for all candidates to file for 2018 Primary Election.
<b>June 11, 2018</b>	Last day for complaints regarding eligibility of a candidate.
<b>July 2, 2018</b>	Last day to withdraw as a candidate for the 2018 Primary Election
<b>July 21, 2018</b>	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>July 22, 2018</b>	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. 30 days prior to Election
<b>August 1, 2018</b>	Filing deadline for judges seeking retention.(18GENR)
<b>August 6, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, by electronic transmission, special needs and early voting begins for Primary Election.
<b>August 11, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications for the Primary Election.
<b>August 18, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, Special Needs and early voting available at Regional Election Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>August 19, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, Special Needs and early voting available at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>August 20, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive absentee electronic transmission ballot requests.
<b>August 21, 2018</b>	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b> – 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.
<b>August 21, 2018</b>	Deadline for no-party candidates to file nominating petition signatures 5PM
<b>August 21, 2018</b>	Deadline for ballots returned by mail to be postmarked.
<b>August 31, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive absentee ballots mailed by voters within US and US territories.
<b>September 4, 2018</b>	Target date to certify Primary election.
<b>September 4, 2018</b>	Last day for candidates to withdraw names from General Election ballot.

<b>October 6, 2018</b>	Regional Elections Offices open for voter registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (18GENR)
<b>October 7, 2018</b>	Last day to register or change registration for the General Election. Regional Elections offices open for voter registration from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>October 15, 2018</b>	Deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> to be mailed to Alaska voter households.
<b>October 22, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, electronic transmission, special needs and early voting begins for the General Election.
<b>October 27, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive Absentee Ballot Applications requesting by-mail ballots
<b>November 3, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, Special Needs and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Elections Offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>November 4, 2018</b>	Absentee in-person, Special Needs and early voting available for the General Election at Regional Election Offices from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>November 5, 2018</b>	5 p.m. deadline to accept applications for absentee electronic transmission ballot requests
<b>November 6, 2018</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 16, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive absentee ballots mailed by voters from within the US and US territories
<b>November 21, 2018</b>	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

# Voting Information

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Primary Election Day is August 21, 2018

## 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.** We also have address lookup tools on our website for voters to use to find their polling place.

## 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 or 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, Filipino (Tagalog) and Spanish assistance is available in certain communities along the Aleutian chain.

## 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

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## 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.

**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.

**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. Voter registration applications are available at Division of Elections offices, through voter registrars, at city or borough clerk's offices, through DMV and Public Assistance offices, at tribal offices and at many libraries. You may also register to vote using the online voter registration link at <https://voterregistration.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](http://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](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

# \*\*\*Language Assistance\*\*\*

## What types of language assistance does Alaska provide?

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 requires the Division of Elections to provide language assistance to groups whose language is Spanish, Native American, Alaska Native, or one of the Asian languages if more than five percent of the voting age population speaks limited English. The State of Alaska is covered under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act for Alaska Native languages. In addition, communities along the Aleutian chain are covered for Filipino (Tagalog) and Spanish.

Alaska's language assistance plan provides translated election materials for languages that are historically written and oral language assistance for languages, such as Alaska Native languages, which are historically unwritten.

In addition to on-call interpreters available on Election Day, the Division of Elections provides oral language assistance through the use of bilingual registrars, outreach workers, bilingual poll workers, and translators in communities where there is a need. The Division of Elections also produces audio translations of election information and translated radio and TV announcements.



The Division of Elections uses the Voting Rights Act, census information and surveys to determine where language assistance is needed. Based on information gathered from the census and contacts made with tribal officials across Alaska, the following languages appear to have the greatest limited English proficient voting age population:

- Filipino (Tagalog)
- Spanish (Español)
- Yup'ik
- Siberian Yup'ik
- Inupiaq
- Koyukon Athabascan
- Gwich'in Athabascan

Anyone in need of language assistance during any stage of the electoral process in Alaska Native language or in Filipino (Tagalog), election workers are available to assist voters or they may have a person of their choice provide assistance as long as the person is not a candidate, employer, agent of their employer, or agent of their union. The person chosen to assist the voter may go into the voting booth to help them cast their ballot.

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# What's on the Ballot?

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## 2018 Primary Election Ballot Summary

### Candidate Races on the Ballot

United States Representative

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

State Senate

*(Districts A, C, E, G, I, K, M, O, Q, S)*

State House

*All 40 House Districts*

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

# 2018 Primary Election Ballot Choices

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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 2018 Primary election ballot choices.

**There are two ballot types – you may ONLY vote ONE ballot**

<b>Ballot Options</b>	<b>Who Can Vote This Ballot</b>
<b><u>Ballot with candidates</u></b>  <b>Candidates from:</b> Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party, Alaskan Independence Party	<b>Any registered voter:</b>  <b>All political affiliations, Undeclared and Nonpartisan</b>  Party affiliation listed on register is: (A – C – D – G – L – N – R – T – U – V – W)
<b><u>Ballot with candidates</u></b>  <b>Candidates from:</b> Alaska Republican Party	<b>Voters with political affiliation:</b>  <b>Alaska Republican, Undeclared and Nonpartisan</b>  Party affiliation listed on register is: (R – U – N)

If you request a primary ballot type that you are not eligible to vote, you must vote a questioned ballot.

## Sample Ballots

Sample ballots have been certified for printing. To view the 2018 Primary Election Sample Ballots, visit

[http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/Archive/SampleBallot\\_2018\\_Primary.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/Archive/SampleBallot_2018_Primary.php)

# State of Alaska

## Division of Elections House and Senate District Designations

Based on "Proclamation of Redistricting" July 14, 2013

<b>SENATE DISTRICT</b>	<b>HOUSE DISTRICT</b>	<b>HOUSE DISTRICT</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>1</b> Downtown Fairbanks	<b>2</b> Fairbanks/Wainwright
<b>B</b>	<b>3</b> North Pole/Badger	<b>4</b> Western Fairbanks
<b>C</b>	<b>5</b> Chena Ridge/Airport	<b>6</b> Eielson/Denali/Upper Yukon/Border Region
<b>D</b>	<b>7</b> Greater Wasilla	<b>8</b> Big Lake/Point Mackenzie
<b>E</b>	<b>9</b> Richardson Hwy/East Mat-Su	<b>10</b> Rural Mat-Su
<b>F</b>	<b>11</b> Greater Palmer	<b>12</b> Chugiak/Gateway
<b>G</b>	<b>13</b> Fort Richardson/North Eagle River	<b>14</b> Eagle River/Chugach State Park
<b>H</b>	<b>15</b> Elmendorf	<b>16</b> College Gate
<b>I</b>	<b>17</b> University	<b>18</b> Spenard
<b>J</b>	<b>19</b> Mountainview	<b>20</b> Downtown Anchorage
<b>K</b>	<b>21</b> West Anchorage	<b>22</b> Sand Lake
<b>L</b>	<b>23</b> Taku	<b>24</b> Oceanview
<b>M</b>	<b>25</b> Abbott	<b>26</b> Huffman
<b>N</b>	<b>27</b> Basher	<b>28</b> South Anchorage
<b>O</b>	<b>29</b> North Kenai	<b>30</b> Kenai/Soldotna
<b>P</b>	<b>31</b> Homer/South Kenai	<b>32</b> Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia
<b>Q</b>	<b>33</b> Downtown Juneau/Douglas/Haines/Skagway	<b>34</b> Mendenhall Valley
<b>R</b>	<b>35</b> Sitka/Petersburg	<b>36</b> Ketchikan/Wrangell/Metlakatla/Hydaburg
<b>S</b>	<b>37</b> Bristol Bay/Aleutians/Upper Kuskokwim	<b>38</b> Lower Kuskokwim
<b>T</b>	<b>39</b> Bering Straits/Yukon Delta	<b>40</b> Arctic

# Reading the Election Results

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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

2016 PRIMARY ELECTION  
Election Summary Report  
August 16, 2016  
Official Results

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Registered Voters 515714 - Cards Cast 88817 17.22%

Num. Report Precinct 442 - Num. Reporting 442 100.00%

US SENATOR (ADL)		ADL	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		442	
Precincts Reporting		442	100.0 %
Times Counted	32206/515714		6.2 %
Total Votes		30420	
Blatchford, Edgar	DEM	10090	33.17%
Metcalfe, Ray	DEM	15228	50.06%
Stevens, Sean	LIB	5102	16.77%

SENATE DISTRICT B (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	1694/26744		6.3 %
Total Votes		1421	
Coghill, John B. Jr.	REP	1421	100.00%

US SENATOR (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		442	
Precincts Reporting		442	100.0 %
Times Counted	56611/515714		11.0 %
Total Votes		55293	
Kendall, Paul	REP	4272	7.73%
Lamb, Thomas	REP	2996	5.42%
Lochner, Bob	REP	8480	15.34%
Murkowski, Lisa	REP	39545	71.52%

SENATE DISTRICT D (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		13	
Precincts Reporting		13	100.0 %
Times Counted	3441/25512		13.5 %
Total Votes		3376	
Wilson, David S.	REP	1748	51.78%
Gattis, Lynn	REP	1628	48.22%

US REPRESENTATIVE (ADL)		ADL	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		442	
Precincts Reporting		442	100.0 %
Times Counted	32206/515714		6.2 %
Total Votes		30600	
Hibler, William D.	DEM	2918	9.54%
Hinz, Lynette	DEM	5130	16.76%
Lindbeck, Steve	DEM	17009	55.58%
McDermott, Jim C.	LIB	3960	12.94%
Watts, Jon B.	LIB	1583	5.17%

SENATE DISTRICT F (ADL)		ADL	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		16	
Precincts Reporting		16	100.0 %
Times Counted	1008/28016		3.6 %
Total Votes		849	
Laudert-Rodgers, Sam	DEM	849	100.00%

US REPRESENTATIVE (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		442	
Precincts Reporting		442	100.0 %
Times Counted	56611/515714		11.0 %
Total Votes		54528	
Heikes, Gerald L.	REP	2817	5.17%
Tingley, Jesse J.	REP	2524	4.63%
Wright, Stephen T.	REP	10189	18.69%
Young, Don	REP	38998	71.52%

SENATE DISTRICT F (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		16	
Precincts Reporting		16	100.0 %
Times Counted	4666/28016		16.7 %
Total Votes		4546	
Hughes, Shelley	REP	2186	48.09%
St. Clair, Steve	REP	475	10.45%
Crum, Adam	REP	1885	41.47%

SENATE DISTRICT B (ADL)		ADL	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	1117/26744		4.2 %
Total Votes		1036	
Hopkins, Luke	DEM	1036	100.00%

SENATE DISTRICT H (ADL)		ADL	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	1210/23767		5.1 %
Total Votes		1137	
Wielechowski, Bill	DEM	1137	100.00%

SENATE DISTRICT H (R)		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0 %
Times Counted	1579/23767		6.6 %
Total Votes		1353	
Kastner, Kevin D.	REP	1353	100.00%

# Sample Statement of Votes

State of Alaska - 2016 Primary Election  
 Statement of Votes Cast  
 August 16, 2016  
 Official Results

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	TURN OUT			HOUSE DISTRICT 40 (ADL)			
	Reg. Voters	Cards Cast	% Turnout	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	Westlake, Dean (DEM)	Nageak, Benjamin (DEM)
Jurisdiction Wide							
40-002 Ambler	185	47	25.41%	185	36	33	3
40-004 Anaktuvuk Pass	272	30	11.03%	272	21	7	14
40-006 Atkasuk	151	38	25.17%	151	31	6	25
40-008 Barrow	1004	138	13.75%	1004	112	20	92
40-010 Browerville	1863	358	19.22%	1863	322	46	276
40-012 Buckland	296	67	22.64%	296	54	43	11
40-014 Deering	92	27	29.35%	92	25	22	3
40-016 Kaktovik	183	45	24.59%	183	32	4	28
40-018 Kiana	245	82	33.47%	245	70	50	20
40-020 Kivalina	231	77	33.33%	231	60	38	22
40-022 Kobuk	85	33	38.82%	85	30	27	3
40-024 Kotzebue	2009	336	16.72%	2009	268	158	110
40-026 Noatak	292	97	33.22%	292	86	66	20
40-028 Noorvik	360	101	28.06%	360	88	74	14
40-030 Nuiqsut	265	25	9.43%	265	18	2	16
40-032 Point Hope	404	40	9.90%	404	21	6	15
40-034 Point Lay	130	39	30.00%	130	24	3	21
40-036 Selawik	414	113	27.29%	414	74	68	6
40-038 Shungnak	159	100	62.89%	159	50	47	3
40-040 Waimwright	330	74	22.42%	330	49	3	46
40-326 Allakaket	141	40	28.37%	141	23	14	9
40-328 Bettles	82	9	10.98%	82	5	3	2
40-330 Hughes	68	34	50.00%	68	26	21	5
District 40 - Absentee	0	106	-	0	77	44	33
District 40 - Question	0	50	-	0	34	18	16
District 40 - Early Voting	0	6	-	0	4	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9261</b>	<b>2112</b>	<b>22.81%</b>	<b>9261</b>	<b>1640</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>816</b>

## House District 99 Explanation

Although Alaska has only 441 voting precincts, the election results will show 442. The 442nd precinct was created to separate and report the results from voters who are eligible to vote an absentee ballot and have their vote count for only the federal races (United States President, United States Senator and United States Representative). These “Federal Only” voters are US Citizens who were last domiciled in Alaska but are now residing permanently overseas. Absentee ballots counted from Federal Only voters will be included in the election summary results. The vote totals will also be included on the Statement of Votes Cast report for District 99.



# Early/Absentee and Questioned Ballots

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Tuesday, August 21, 2018 Election Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early ballots voted through 8/21/2018</li><li>• 1st count of Absentee ballots for ballots received and reviewed by the Absentee Ballot Review Board through 8/14/2018</li></ul>
Tuesday, August 23, 2018 7 day count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early ballots voted on 8/6/2018</li><li>• Possible count of additional Absentee ballots</li><li>• 1st count of Questioned ballots for districts where ballots for the entire district have been reviewed by Questioned Ballot Review Board – full count and partial counts</li></ul>
Friday, August 31, 2018 Final 10 day count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remaining Absentee ballots for all districts – full count and all partial counts</li><li>• Remaining Questioned ballots for districts not previously counted – full count and partial counts</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, 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 Electronic Transmission

**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 Primary election must be received by August 11, 2018. Voters should apply early to ensure timely delivery of their ballot. Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

**Absentee By Electronic Transmission** – Given the current threat of foreign cyber-attacks on election infrastructure, the Division is ***suspending the return of ballots online until security advancements to this technology are made***. For 2018, voters will still be allowed to download the ballot through our Online Ballot Delivery System, but will be required to return by fax or mail to the DOE.

#### 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 or 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 bipartisan 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. Once the ballots have been reviewed by the Absentee Ballot Review Board, the ballots can be opened and counted. The statutory deadline for receiving and counting official absentee ballots is 10 days following the election for Primary elections and 15 days for General elections.

### 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. Once 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 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the election. The statutory deadline for counting questioned ballots is 10 days following the Primary election and 15 days following the General 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.

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# Alaska's Ballot Counting System

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

- ❖ Hand-count (137 precincts)
- ❖ Optical Scan (304 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.

Ballot Count Method by Precinct (Subject to change)

Dist/Prec	Precinct Name	Ballot Count Method
01-446	AURORA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-455	FAIRBANKS NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-465	FAIRBANKS NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-470	FAIRBANKS NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-475	FAIRBANKS NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-480	FAIRBANKS NO. 5	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-485	FAIRBANKS NO. 6	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-490	FAIRBANKS NO. 7	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
01-495	FAIRBANKS NO. 10	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
02-345	BADGER NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
02-355	FAIRBANKS NO. 8	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
02-365	FAIRBANKS NO. 9	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
02-375	FORT WAINWRIGHT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
03-130	BADGER NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
03-135	CHENA LAKES	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
03-165	NEWBY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
03-175	NORTH POLE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
03-183	PLACK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-230	ESTER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-240	FARMERS LOOP	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-250	GOLDSTREAM NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-260	GOLDSTREAM NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-265	STEESE EAST/GILMORE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-270	STEESE WEST	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
04-280	UNIVERSITY HILLS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-580	AIRPORT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-582	CHENA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-586	GEIST	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-587	LAKEVIEW	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-588	PIKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
05-590	RICHARDSON	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
06-005	ANDERSON	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-007	ARCTIC VILLAGE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-010	BEAVER	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-012	CANTWELL	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-015	CENTRAL	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-020	CHISTOCHINA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-023	CIRCLE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-024	CLEAR	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-025	COPPER CENTER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-026	DENALI PARK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-027	DOT LAKE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN

Dist/Prec	Precinct Name	Ballot Count Method
06-030	EAGLE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-033	FORT YUKON	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-035	GAKONA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-040	HEALY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-047	KENNY LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-050	MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-053	MENTASTA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-054	MINTO	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-056	NENANA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-060	NORTHWAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-070	STEVENS VILLAGE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-075	TANACROSS	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-080	TANANA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-085	TETLIN	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-090	TOK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-095	VENETIE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
06-145	EIELSON	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-150	FOX	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-155	MOOSE CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-160	SALCHA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-170	STEELE CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
06-180	TWO RIVERS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-100	LAKES NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-105	PIONEER PEAK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-110	SCHROCK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-115	WASILLA LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-120	WASILLA NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-125	WASILLA NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
07-130	FOOTHILLS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-130	MEADOW LAKES NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-135	MEADOW LAKES NO 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-140	KNIK GOOSE BAY NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-145	KNIK GOOSE BAY NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-150	KNIK GOOSE BAY NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
08-155	BIG LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-600	BIG DELTA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-608	DELTA JUNCTION	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-622	FARM LOOP	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-628	FISHHOOK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-632	GLENNALLEN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-640	SHEEP MOUNTAIN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-645	SUTTON	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-650	VALDEZ NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-655	VALDEZ NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-660	VALDEZ NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
09-665	WHITTIER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-005	KINGS LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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10-010	CHURCH	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-015	TANAINA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-020	HOUSTON	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-025	MEADOW LAKES NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-030	SUSITNA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-035	TALKEETNA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-040	TRAPPER CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-045	WILLOW	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-050	MEADOW LAKES NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
10-055	LAKES NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-055	WALBY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-060	GREATER PALMER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-065	MAT-SU CAMPUS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-070	PALMER CITY NO.1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-075	PALMER CITY NO.2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-085	TRUNK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-090	SEWARD MERIDIAN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-095	SPRINGER LOOP	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
11-099	LAZY MOUNTAIN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-200	FAIRVIEW NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-205	FAIRVIEW NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-210	SNOWSHOE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-220	BUTTE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-225	EKLUTNA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-230	PETERS CREEK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
12-233	PETERS CREEK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-235	CHUGIAK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-240	FIRE LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-245	JBER No. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-250	DOWNTOWN EAGLE RIVER NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-255	CHUGACH PARK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
13-260	CENTENNIAL PARK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-940	DOWNTOWN EAGLE. RIVER NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-945	MEADOW CREEK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-950	MEADOW CREEK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-955	EAGLE RIVER NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-960	EAGLE RIVER NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-965	CHUGACH PARK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
14-970	HILAND	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
15-300	JBER No. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
15-305	CREEKSIDE PARK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
15-310	MULDOON NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
15-315	MULDOON NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
15-320	NORTH MULDOON	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-325	RUSSIAN JACK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-330	NUNAKA VALLEY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-335	NORTHEAST ANCHORAGE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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16-340	COLLEGE GATE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-345	CHESTER VALLEY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-350	REFLECTION LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
16-355	WONDER PARK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-400	ROGERS PARK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-405	UNIVERSITY NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-410	UNIVERSITY NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-415	FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-420	TUDOR NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-425	TUDOR NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
17-430	EAST ANCHORAGE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-435	WEST ANCHORAGE NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-440	WEST ANCHORAGE NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-445	SPENARD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-450	WILLOW CREST	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-455	WEST ANCHORAGE NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-460	FIREWEED NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-465	FIREWEED NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-470	FIREWEED NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-475	MIDTOWN NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
18-480	MIDTOWN NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-500	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-505	NORTH MT VIEW NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-510	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-515	SOUTH MT VIEW NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-520	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
19-525	AIRPORT HEIGHTS NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-530	GOVERNMENT HILL	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-535	MERRILL FIELD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-540	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-545	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-550	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-555	DOWNTOWN ANCH NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-560	INLET VIEW	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-565	WESTCHESTER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
20-570	FAIRVIEW	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-600	TURNAGAIN NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-605	SAND LAKE NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-610	SAND LAKE NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-615	SAND LAKE NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-620	LAKE SPENARD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-625	LAKE HOOD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-630	TURNAGAIN NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
21-635	TURNAGAIN NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-640	DIMOND NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-645	KINCAID	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-650	JEWEL LAKE NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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22-655	JEWEL LAKE NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-660	CAMPBELL LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-665	SAND LAKE NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
22-670	SAND LAKE NO. 5	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-735	NORTHWOOD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-740	ARCTIC	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-745	MIDTOWN NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-750	TAKU	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-755	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-760	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-765	CAMPBELL CREEK NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
23-770	DIMOND NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-700	HUFFMAN NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-705	HUFFMAN NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-710	KLATT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-715	SOUTHPORT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-720	OCEAN VIEW NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-725	OCEAN VIEW NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
24-730	BAYSHORE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-840	EAST DOWLING NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-845	ELMORE NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-850	ABBOTT NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-855	LORE NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-860	LORE NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-865	ABBOTT NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
25-870	EAST DOWLING NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-800	INDEPENDENCE PARK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-805	O'MALLEY NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-810	HUFFMAN NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-815	HUFFMAN NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-820	O'MALLEY NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-825	INDEPENDENCE PARK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-830	ELMORE NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
26-835	O'MALLEY NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-900	CHENEY LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-905	MULDOON NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-910	MULDOON NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-915	CHUGACH FT. HILLS NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-920	CHUGACH FT. HILLS NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-925	SCENIC PARK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-930	BAXTER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
27-935	STUCKAGAIN HEIGHTS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-105	RABBIT CREEK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-110	RABBIT CREEK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-115	HUFFMAN NO. 6	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-120	HUFFMAN NO. 7	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-125	BEAR VALLEY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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28-130	INDIAN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-135	GIRDWOOD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-140	GOLDEN VIEW	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
28-145	O'MALLEY NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-100	BEAR CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-110	COOPER LANDING	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-115	FUNNY RIVER NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-120	HOPE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-130	MACKEY LAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-140	MOOSE PASS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-150	NIKISKI	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-160	SALAMATOF	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-170	SEWARD/LOWELL POINT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-180	STERLING NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
29-190	STERLING NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-200	CENTRAL	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-210	K BEACH	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-220	KENAI NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-230	KENAI NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-240	KENAI NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
30-250	SOLDOTNA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-300	ANCHOR POINT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-310	DIAMOND RIDGE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-320	FOX RIVER	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-340	FUNNY RIVER NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-350	HOMER NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-360	HOMER NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-370	KACHEMAK/FRITZ CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-380	KASILOF	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
31-390	NINILCHIK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-800	CHINIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-805	CORDOVA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-810	FLATS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-815	KODIAK ISLAND SOUTH	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-820	KODIAK NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-825	KODIAK NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-830	MISSION ROAD	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-835	OLD HARBOR	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-840	OUZINKIE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-845	PORT LIONS	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-847	SELDOVIA/KACHEMAK BAY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
32-850	TATITLEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-855	TYONEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
32-860	YAKUTAT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-500	DOUGLAS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-505	GUSTAVUS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-510	JUNEAU NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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33-515	JUNEAU NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-520	JUNEAU NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-525	LEMON CREEK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-530	NORTH DOUGLAS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-540	SKAGWAY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-545	HAINES NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-550	HAINES NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
33-555	KLUKWAN	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
34-400	AUKE BAY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-410	JUNEAU AIRPORT	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-420	LYNN CANAL	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-430	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-440	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-450	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
34-460	MENDENHALL VALLEY NO. 4	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-700	ANGOON	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-705	CRAIG	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-720	HOONAH	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-730	KAKE	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-735	KASAAN	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
35-740	KLAWOCK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-745	NORTH PRINCE OF WALES	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
35-750	PELICAN/ELFIN COVE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
35-755	PETERSBURG/KUPREANOF	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-760	PORT ALEXANDER	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
35-765	SITKA NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-770	SITKA NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
35-775	TENAKEE SPRINGS	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
35-780	THORNE BAY	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-600	KETCHIKAN NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-610	KETCHIKAN NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-620	KETCHIKAN NO. 3	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-640	NORTH TONGASS NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-650	NORTH TONGASS NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-660	SAXMAN	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-670	SOUTH TONGASS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-675	HYDABURG	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-680	METLAKATLA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
36-690	WRANGELL	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
37-300	ANVIK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-302	GRAYLING	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-304	HOLY CROSS	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-306	MCGRATH	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-308	NIKOLAI	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-310	SHAGELUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-312	TAKOTNA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-700	AKUTAN	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN

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37-702	ALEKNAGIK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-704	ALEUTIANS NO. 1	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-706	ALEUTIANS NO. 2 (Unalaska)	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
37-708	CHIGNIK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-710	CLARK'S POINT	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-712	COLD BAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-714	DILLINGHAM	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
37-716	EGEGIK	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	LAKE ILIAMNA NO. 1	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-728	LAKE ILIAMNA NO. 2	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-730	LEVELOCK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-732	MANOKOTAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-734	NAKNEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-736	NEW STUYAHOK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-738	NONDALTON	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-740	PEDRO BAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-742	PORT HEIDEN	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-744	SAND POINT	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-746	SLEETMUTE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-748	SOUTH NAKNEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-750	ST. GEORGE ISLAND	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-752	ST. PAUL ISLAND	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
37-754	TOGIAC	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
38-800	AKIACHAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-802	AKIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-804	ANIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-806	ATMAUTLUAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-808	BETHEL NO. 1	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
38-810	BETHEL NO. 2	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
38-812	CHEFORNAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-814	CHUATHBALUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-816	CROOKED CREEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-818	EEK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-820	GOODNEWS BAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-822	KASIGLUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-824	KIPNUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-826	KONGIGANAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-828	KWETHLUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-830	KWIGILLINGOK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-832	LOWER KALSKAG	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-834	MARSHALL	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-836	MEKORYUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-838	NAPAKIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN

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38-840	NAPASKIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-842	NEWTOK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-844	NIGHTMUTE	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-846	NUNAPITCHUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-848	QUINHAGAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-850	RUSSIAN MISSION	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-852	TOKSOOK BAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-854	TULUKSAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-856	TUNTUTULIAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-858	TUNUNAK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
38-860	UPPER KALSKAG	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-314	GALENA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-316	HUSLIA	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-318	KALTAG	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-320	KOYUKUK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-322	NULATO	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-324	RUBY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
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	SAVOONGA	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
39-934	SCAMMON BAY	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-936	SHAKTOOLIK	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
39-938	SHISHMAREF	OPTICAL SCAN, 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
40-002	AMBLER	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
40-004	ANAKTUVUK PASS	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN
40-006	ATQASUK	OPTICAL SCAN, TOUCH SCREEN

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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
40-326	ALLAKAKET	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
40-328	BETTLES	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN
40-330	HUGHES	HAND COUNT, TOUCH SCREEN



## Election Security

There is nothing more important to the Division of Elections than providing eligible Alaska voters with systems they know are secure and regularly reviewed to make sure best practices raised by experts are in place to safeguard our elections. Here is an outline of some features of Alaska's secure voting system:

- Alaska has extensive procedures, including a multi-layered security model, of which it is continuously improving layers as technology and better practices become known. A secure system should have these multi-layers of protection so that if one fails others are still in place.
- Paper Back-ups for all votes. Even though optical scanners do scan and count ballots in 305 of 441 precincts, the paper ballots provide a record in addition to electronic counts.
- Prior to the 2016 General Election and in an ongoing effort, we are working with US Department of Homeland Security.
- Alaska has introduced more robust access control. Such efforts further reduce the likelihood of unauthorized access to data. We have also introduced better intrusion detection processes and practices. In the case of a breach, these tools allow the rapid awareness of what was compromised and potentially reduce the scope of the breach.
- In 2016, we introduced some improved tools and practices to reduce the risk of the loss of voter data during transmission. These added layers can provide early warning of attacks in time for election officials to take action. Equipment, people and procedures together provide defense of depth.
- The Division has suspending the return of ballots online until security advancements to this technology are made. For 2018, voters will still be allowed to download the ballot through our Online Ballot Delivery System but will be required to return by fax or mail to the DOE.
- DOE is working to obtain Security Clearances to ensure timely sharing of cyber threat information, incident notification processes and cyber incident response with State & Federal Agencies.
- DOE continues to work with State IT experts on security enhancement projects which include tools to share secure information, monitor active attacks on our site and fortifying our security with elements of dual factor authentication.
- Our election system and results are verifiable and shown to be reliable. To increase confidence of both voters and election officials, we have bi-partisan committees that oversee polling places and independently audit election results.
- An open and transparent election process that by state law includes observers, who are able to see both voting and counting procedures.
- Verification of machine counts with hand-counts of ballots from a random sample of precincts to provide a high level of confidence.

# Alaska's Primary Election History

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## **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.

### **2010 Voters to choose from three ballots in the Primary**

Alaska's Primary election will again include three ballot types. The only difference from the 2008 Primary is that the Division of Elections changed the name of the A-D-L Candidate ballot to the Alaskan Independence-Democrat-Libertarian Candidate ballot to eliminate voter confusion.

# Primary Election Voter Turnout

## Statehood – 2016 Estimates

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%
2008	476,472	193,533	40.62%
2010	487,456	164,047	33.65%
2012	496,952	125,937	25.34%
2014	494,900	193,097	39.02%
2016	515,714	88,817	17.22%

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.

# 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 must state in substance the basis of the belief that a mistake has been made, the particular election precinct or house 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 must 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 names and mailing addresses.

(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 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)*
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), 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)
2008 General – House District 7: Karl Kassel (D), Mike Kelly (R)*
2010 General – United States Senator: Lisa Murkowski (R)*, Joe Miller (R)
2012 General – Senate District J: Hollis French (D)*, Bob Bell (R)
2012 General – House District 34: Jonathan Kriess-Tomkins (D)*, William A. Thomas (R)
2014 General – Senate District J: Hollis French (D)*, Bob Bell (R)

\*This candidate won following the recount.

### **\*\*\*Primary Frequently Asked Questions\*\*\***

We've received a number of questions about the Alaska Supreme Court's order issued April 4, 2018, which strikes down state law requiring a candidate to be a member of a political party to run in that party's primary election. Here are a few of them:

*How and when will the Division of Elections implement the new ruling?*

The Division of Elections has been proactively implementing the new ruling since the superior court's decision in late 2017 by accepting candidate filings from non-affiliated candidates who wish to run in the Alaska Democratic Party Primary. The division has developed the necessary candidate filing forms, which are available on our website. A ballot design has been created for the primary election that will account for the presence of non-affiliated candidates in the Alaska Democratic Party primary.

*How does the Supreme Court's ruling affect the Republican Party?*

The new ruling will not affect the Alaska Republican Party for the 2018 elections because the Alaska Republican Party's bylaws do not allow non-affiliated candidates to run in its primary.

*If someone runs in a partisan primary as an independent candidate and loses, can they run in the general election, just not under that party's ballot line?*

Candidates who wish to get their names on the general election ballot must choose either the nomination petition process or the party primary process; they may not pursue both filing methods at once. If a candidate chooses to run in a party primary and loses, the candidate may still run as a write-in candidate in the general election. Such a candidate must file as a write-in candidate no later than five days before the General Election.

*Can an independent candidate run in any partisan party primary?*

No, a non-affiliated (those registered Undeclared or Non-Partisan) candidate may run only in the primary of a political party that has elected to open its primary to such candidates. Currently, only the Alaska Democratic Party has timely amended its bylaws to allow such candidates to run in its 2018 Primary.

*Who can run in the Alaska Democratic Party Primary?*

Any registered Democrat, Undeclared or Non-Partisan candidate who properly files for candidacy.

*Who can run in the Alaska Republican Party Primary?*

Any registered Republican who properly files for candidacy.

*Why are parties wishing to change their bylaws for the next election cycle required to do so by September 1<sup>st</sup>? (15.25.014)*

If the party has bylaw changes that affect who can vote in a party's primary or who can run for office in a political party, the division needs to know in order to prepare the election materials for the

election cycle. It is also important to note that beginning January 1st voters can apply for absentee ballots. The absentee ballot application includes an area for the voter to select the primary ballot they want sent to them. If there is a change expanding or limiting who can vote in a party's primary after January 1, any voter who has already applied for an absentee ballot would need to be given the opportunity to change their ballot selection.

Early in an election year, the division orders various forms and finalizes training materials for the election cycle. These materials will list the different primary ballot choices and who can participate in them. Any change who can participate in a primary ballot would require these materials to be updated.



*The End*