

6 AAC 25.010(d) is amended to read:

At the time the election supervisor provides identification badges, the election supervisor shall provide the division's *Guide for Poll Watchers* [POLLWATCHERS], revised as of **May 2013** [OCTOBER 2007] and adopted by reference. The party committees, **candidates in the primary election, and** candidates not representing a political party **in the general election,** and groups sponsoring or opposing a ballot measure are responsible for the training of all poll watchers under their authority on the proper conduct of poll watchers according to the *Guide for Poll Watchers* [POLLWATCHERS] and are responsible for the conduct of poll watchers. (Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.10.170 AS 15.15.110 AS 15.15.170
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.160

Editor's note: The *Guide for Poll Watchers* [POLLWATCHERS], adopted by reference in 6 AAC 25.010(d) , may be obtained by contacting any regional office of the Division of Elections: Region I Elections Office, P.O. Box 110018, Juneau, AK 99811-0018 or 9109 Mendenhall Mall Rd., Suite 3, Juneau, AK; Region II Elections Office, 2525 Gambell St., Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503-2838; Region III Elections Office, 675 7th Ave., Suite H3, Fairbanks, AK 99701-**4542** [4592]; Region IV Elections Office, P.O. Box 577, Nome, AK 99762-0577 or **Sitnasuak Office Building** [ALASKA STATE OFFICE BUILDING], **214 W. Front St** [103 FRONT ST]., Nome, AK.

6 AAC 25.025(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) provide information to the applicant on voter registration solely as set out in the division's *Registrar Handbook*, revised as of **May 2013** [JANUARY 11, 2008] and adopted by reference;

(Eff. 7/17/88 Register 107; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.07.070 AS 15.07.100 AS 15.07.200
AS 15.07.081 AS 15.07.140

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6 AAC 25.027(d) is amended to read:

(d) An applicant or an individual acting on behalf of an applicant with a power of attorney who **is initially registering** [REQUESTS REGISTRATION OR REREGISTRATION] by mail **or by electronic transmission** from outside this state must provide **proof of** [IDENTIFICATION OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION THAT SUPPORTS THE

APPLICANT'S CLAIM TO] Alaska residency. **Documentation that may be used to provide proof of residency includes a valid**

[IF A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION IS PROVIDED FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY, THE IDENTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE AN ALASKA RESIDENCE ADDRESS. OTHER FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION]

(1) a military leave and earnings statement that identifies Alaska as the applicant's state of legal residence;

(2) proof of employment in this state that indicates a date on which the applicant was employed; [OR]

(3) proof of an Alaska student loan and college tuition showing Alaska as the state of residence;

(4) current Alaska driver's license;

(5) current Alaska state identification card;

(6) current Alaska hunting or fishing license; or

(7) other document that supports the applicant's claim to Alaska residency;

6 AAC 25.027(g) is repealed:

(g) Repealed __/__/____.

6 AAC 25.027 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(8) if the applicant does not provide one of the documents listed in (d) of this section, the director may verify the applicant's claim to Alaska residency if the applicant has on

file with the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles a current Alaska driver's license or state identification card.

(Eff. 7/17/88, Register 107; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority:	AS 15.05.010	AS 15.07.030	AS 15.07.070
	AS 15.05.011	AS 15.07.050	AS 15.07.195
	AS 15.05.020	AS 15.07.060	AS 15.15.225

6 AAC 25.140(a) is repealed:

(a) Repealed __/__/____.

(Eff. 11/15/97, Register 144; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 6/16/2004, Register 171; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 11/6/2004, Register 172; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am __/__/____, Register, _____)

Authority:	AS 15.15.010	AS 15.80.008	AS 15.80.010
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6 AAC 25.210 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.210. Removal of name from primary and general ballot. (a) A candidate's name will appear on the primary election ballot unless written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the primary election or notice of the candidate's death or incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the **52nd** [48TH] day before the date of the primary election.

(b) The name of a candidate who has won a position on the general election ballot, **or who was properly nominated by petition,** will appear on the general election ballot unless written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the general election or notice of the candidate's death or incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the **64th** [48TH] day before the date of the general election. (Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.110 AS 15.25.200
AS 15.25.055

6 AAC 25.212 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.212. Amendment by a candidate of how the candidate's name appears on the ballot. Subject to the limitations of AS 15.15.030, a candidate's name will appear on a ballot in the manner in which the candidate has requested on that individual's candidacy filing paperwork submitted to the director, unless written notice of the candidate's desire to change how the candidate's name appears on the ballot is received by the director no later than the deadline for the candidate to withdraw from the election **as set out in 6 AAC 25.210** [OR 48 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER]. (Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.130

6 AAC 25.240(d) is amended to read:

(d) The initiative committee or the committee's designee may file the petition at any time before the close of business on the 365th day after the date that notice is given to the initiative committee that the petition booklets are ready for initial distribution. The referendum committee or the committee's designee may file the petition at any time before the close of business on the 90th day after the adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was passed. The recall committee or the committee's designee may file the petition at any time before the close of business on a date that is at least 180 days before the termination of the term of office of the state public official subject to recall. If the deadline for filing an initiative [„REFERENDUM,] or recall petition falls on a weekend or state holiday, the deadline is the close of business on the next regular business day for the division.

6 AAC 25.240(e) is amended to read

(e) The petition must be filed in person, by mail, or by other shipping method at **any office of the division.** [THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR IN JUNEAU, OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE, AT A REGIONAL ELECTION OFFICE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.]

6 AAC 25.240(h) is amended to read

(h) An individual signature in a petition booklet will not be counted in determining the sufficiency of the petition if the signer

(1) **does not provide** [PROVIDES] an address [THAT IS NOT THE SIGNER'S CURRENT ADDRESS IN THE DIVISION'S VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE AND THE SIGNER DOES NOT PROVIDE AN IDENTIFIER];

(2) does not sign or make a mark;

(3) does not provide a numerical identifier;

(4) [(3)] unknowingly signs the petition more than one time; any additional signature will not be counted; or

(5) [(4)] does not date the individual's signature.

6 AAC 25.240(i) is repealed:

(i) Repealed ___/___/____.

(Eff. 8/6/87, Register 103; am 7/8/88, Register 107; am 7/17/88, Register 107; am 6/21/90, Register 115; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 12/15/99, Register 153; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am ___/___/____, Register _____)

Authority:	AS 15.15.010	AS 15.45.320	AS 15.45.560
	AS 15.45.090	AS 15.45.330	AS 15.45.570
	AS 15.45.100	AS 15.45.350	AS 15.45.590
	AS 15.45.120	AS 15.45.360	AS 15.45.600
	AS 15.45.130	AS 15.45.370	AS 15.45.610
	AS 15.45.140	AS 15.45.400	AS 15.45.640
	AS 15.45.245	AS 15.45.465	

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.255. Manner of withdrawing name from petition. Written notice, as allowed for in AS 15.45.120, AS 15.45.350 and AS 15.45.590, must be made on a form provided by the division. (Eff. __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.45.350 AS 15.45.590
AS 15.45.120

6 AAC 25.505(b)(1)(P) is amended to read:

(P) the applicant to state if the applicant is

(i) a member of one of the uniformed services on active duty;

(ii) a member of the merchant marine; [OR]

(iii) a spouse or dependent of an individual described in (i) or (ii)

of this subparagraph who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote; **and**

(iv) for applicants described in (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subsection to indicate if the ballot is to be sent by mail, online delivery or facsimile and space for the applicant to provide the mailing address, email address or facsimile number to which the ballot should be sent;

6 AAC 25.505(b)(1)(R) is repealed:

(R) repealed __/__/_____.

6 AAC 25.505(b)(1)(S) is amended to read:

(S) the applicant to **indicate** [REQUEST A SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER AS 15.20.082] if the applicant expects to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States or expects to be in a remote area of the state **at the time of the election**; and

(Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.660 is repealed:

6 AAC 25.660. Special absentee ballot. Repealed. (Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; repealed __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.365 AS 15.20.082
AS 15.15.360 AS 15.20.081 AS 15.20.203

6 AAC 25.670 is repealed and readopted to read:

6 AAC 25.670. Federal write-in ballot. (a) For a statewide primary, general, or special election, a qualified voter who has properly applied under AS 15.20.081 for an absentee ballot and has not received the ballot may vote for all federal and state candidate races, each judicial

retention election, and ballot proposition or question scheduled to appear on the ballot that the voter is eligible to participate by using a federal write-in absentee ballot. The voter must be

- (1) an absent uniformed services voter; or
- (2) voting by absentee ballot from outside the United States.

(b) In completing the federal write-in ballot, the voter may designate a candidate for each candidate race for a primary election by writing in the name of the office and candidate or, for the general or special election by writing in the name of the office and candidate or by writing in the office and the name of a political party. If the voter has written in the name of the political party, for a general or special election the ballot will be counted for the candidate of that political party certified to appear on the state's official ballot. Any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the name of a candidate or political party will be disregarded in determining the validity of the ballot, if the intention of the voter can be ascertained. For judicial retention elections the voter may designate the voter's vote by writing the name of the judge and writing "yes" to retain a judge or "no" to not retain a judge. For ballot propositions or questions the voter may designate the voter's vote in writing the ballot proposition or question assigned number and writing "yes" to enact the proposition or question or "no" to not enact the proposition or question. The voter shall sign and shall have the voter's ballot witnessed in the manner prescribed under AS 15.20.081(d). The federal write-in ballot will be counted in the general manner prescribed for the counting of write-in votes in AS 15.15.360, except that the requirement under AS 15.15.360(a)(11) that the voter mark the oval opposite the candidate's name does not apply.

(c) A federal write-in ballot of a voter will be reviewed in the manner prescribed by AS 15.20.203 for the district absentee ballot counting review, except that additional restrictions apply. The federal write-in ballot will not be reviewed or counted, and will remain sealed in the oath and affidavit envelope if

(1) in the case of a ballot submitted by an overseas voter who is not an absentee uniformed services voter, the ballot is submitted from any location in the United States;

(2) the voter failed to apply for a by-mail or electronic transmission ballot as required by the deadline set out under AS 15.20.081;

(3) if the voter was sent a ballot by the division, the voter's official absentee ballot is received by the deadlines established in AS 15.20.081(e) and (h); or

(4) the voter submits a voted federal write-in absentee ballot more than 45 days prior to a statewide primary, general, or special election.

(d) A voter who is eligible to use the federal write-in ballot and who simultaneously applies for a ballot and votes using the federal write-in absentee ballot will not be sent the official ballot if the voted federal write-in ballot is received by the division 45 days or less before a statewide primary, general, or special election. If the voter simultaneously applies for a ballot and votes the federal write-in ballot 46 or more days prior to a statewide primary, general, or special election, the division will process the application for a ballot and send an official ballot to the voter.

(e) In this section, "absent uniformed services voter" has the meaning given in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6. (Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

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Authority: AS 15.05.011 AS 15.15.360 AS 15.20.082
AS 15.05.014 AS 15.15.365 AS 15.20.203
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.672 is repealed:

6 AAC 25.672. Special absentee ballots for federal races. Repealed. (Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; repealed __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.05.011 AS 15.15.030 AS 15.20.082
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.030

6 AAC 25.685(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) properly applied under AS 15.20.081[, 15.20.082, AND THIS CHAPTER TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT].

(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.066 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.686 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.686. Delivery of official absentee ballot [TO ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND OVERSEAS VOTERS]. For **a statewide primary, general, or special election** [FEDERAL ELECTIONS], the director will send the official absentee ballot and absentee voting material as soon as they are ready for distribution. However, if the voter is

an absent uniformed services voter, [OR] an absent overseas voter, **or indicates on the ballot application that the voter expects to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States or in a remote area of the state at the time of the election**, the director will send the voter an absentee ballot and other voting materials beginning no later than 45 days before election day. (Eff. 5/11/2012, Register 202; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.690(b) is amended to read:

(b) A candidate for elected office under AS 15.25.030 or 15.25.180 may provide the division with biographical information of not more than 150 words, and a candidate's advocacy statement of not more than 250 words, for inclusion in the election pamphlet. All information to be published in the election pamphlet must be received by the division no later than July 22 of an election year, except that information to be published in the election pamphlet by a candidate for the offices of United States President and Vice President must be received no later than August 30 of a presidential election year. A candidate may not make a change to the candidate's biographical information or advocacy statement after the deadline. A candidate's advocacy statement must be submitted typewritten or transmitted electronically. An article such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted as one word. **Any words included in the biographical information or candidate's advocacy statement beyond the allowed word counts will not be published.** (Eff. 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.58.030 AS 15.58.090

6 AAC 27 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 27.180. Advisory school board elections. (a) A school district in a regional educational attendance area may request that the election board appointed by the division for the conduct of the regional educational attendance area school board election also conduct the advisory school board election under AS 14.08.115, on behalf of the school district, on the first Tuesday in October. The request must be submitted in writing, signed by the superintendent, and received by the division at least 150 days before the date of the election. The request must include a list of the communities where the advisory school board election is to be conducted and the name and contact information for the district's site administrator or other designated person responsible for the advisory school board election in each community. The list of communities in the request must be limited to those areas where the division is scheduled to conduct an in-person regional educational attendance area election at the same time.

(b) The advisory school board election will be conducted separately from the regional educational attendance area school board election. The election board appointed by the division will serve as election board for the advisory school board election during the hours the polls are scheduled to be open for the regional educational attendance area school board election.

(c) If requested by the school district, the division will provide a separate list of voters registered in the precinct for use by the election board during the advisory school board election.

(d) In order for a request to be granted under this section, the school district must agree in writing to be responsible for

(1) all advertising and public notice requirements for the advisory school board election as outlined in board policy or board regulations;

(2) printing the advisory school board ballots and delivering them to the polling place, the ballots must be printed on colored paper that can be easily distinguished from the state's white ballots;

(3) retrieving the voted ballots from the election board when the polls close;

(4) tallying the ballots and providing the public with election results; and

(5) certifying the election and notifying the candidates.

(e) When the polls close, the election board will secure the advisory school board ballots and return them to the site administrator or designated person named in the request submitted under (a) of this section. (Eff. __ / __ / ____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 14.08.071 AS 15.15.010