6 AAC 25.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) Before election day, the identification badges will be provided by the election supervisors to state or district party committees. Before election day, a candidate, [CANDIDATES NOT REPRESENTING] a political party, or an organization or organized group[AND GROUPS] sponsoring or opposing an initiative, referendum, or recall[,] shall request poll watcher identification badges from the election supervisor.

6 AAC 25.010(c) is amended to read:

(c) The issuing authority must [COUNTERSIGN,] date[,] and provide the title and name of the candidate or group represented in order for poll watcher identification badges to be honored. The name of the poll watcher and the title "poll watcher" must be on the front of the badge. The name of the candidate, party, or group being represented and other required information must be on the back of the badge to avoid the appearance of electioneering.

6 AAC 25.010(d) is amended to read:

(d) At the time the election supervisor provides identification badges, the election supervisor shall provide the division's Guide for Poll Watchers, revised as of March 2021 [MARCH 2016] and adopted by reference. The party committees, the candidates [IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, AND CANDIDATES NOT REPRESENTING A POLITICAL PARTY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION,] and the organizations and organized 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 and are responsible for the conduct of the poll watchers.
6 AAC 25.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) All requirements related to poll watchers in (a) - (d) of this section apply to a statewide primary or general election or to a special primary election or special election under AS 15.40.140. (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 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 2/10/2018, Register 225; am __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:** AS 15.10.170   AS 15.15.110   AS 15.15.170

AS 15.15.010   AS 15.15.160

6 AAC 25.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) No more than one poll watcher representing a candidate, a political party, an organization, or a [FROM EACH] group may be present at a polling place at any time.

(Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am__/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:** AS 15.10.170   AS 15.15.110   AS 15.15.170

AS 15.15.010   AS 15.15.160

6 AAC 25.023 is amended to read:

At locations where there is a [AN ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator, if a voter marks a ballot in a manner that causes the precinct tabulator to reject the ballot, the voter may request assistance from an election official. Under these circumstances, the election official is considered
to be acting under the authority of AS 15.15.240. (Eff. 6.22.98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.15.010  AS 15.15.240  AS 15.20.900

AS 15.15.030

6 AAC 25.025(d) is amended to read:

(d) A registrar, while acting in an official capacity may

(1) assist an applicant with the completion of a voter registration application or absentee ballot application;

(2) provide information to the applicant on voter registration solely as set out in the division's *Registrar Handbook*, revised as of **July 2021** [FEBRUARY 2016] and adopted by reference;

(3) provide information to the applicant on absentee voting as provided by the division; or

(4) provide an absentee ballot application to the applicant.

(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 2/28/2014, Register 209, am 02/10/2018, Register 225, am __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.07.070  AS 15.07.100  AS 15.07.200

AS 15.07.081  AS 15.07.140

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:
6 AAC 25.028. Automatic registration of permanent fund dividend applicants. Once it receives voter registration information from the Department of Revenue, the division will send opt-out notifications to those permanent fund dividend applicants whose signatures are available to the division and who are either eligible to register to vote or have provided information that would update their existing voter registration records. If an applicant does not respond to the notification, the division will register the applicant to vote or update the applicant’s voter registration record. (Eff. __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.07.050 AS 15.07.070 AS 15.15.010

AS 15.07.060

The section heading of 6 AAC 25.030 is changed to read:


6 AAC 25.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) The election supervisor shall appoint election officials and regional area [ACCU-VOTE] coordinators.

6 AAC 25.030(c) is amended to read:

(c) At locations where there is no [ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator, ballots must be hand counted [HAND-COUNTED] by the election board.

6 AAC 25.030(d) is amended to read:
(d) In all precincts [WHERE BALLOTS ARE HAND-COUNTED], the election board shall forward the election results, including, in a general election, the total number of first-choice rankings each candidate received, by facsimile machine, electronic mail, or other telephonic or electric transmission to a regional elections office on election night. Each regional elections office shall transmit the unofficial results to election headquarters. The chair of the election board in each precinct shall mail precinct materials to the director and regional supervisors the day after the election.

6 AAC 25.030(e) is amended to read:

(e) The election supervisor shall appoint a regional counting [ACCU-VOTE REVIEW] board composed [COMPRISED] of no more than eight members. No more than two members of the board may be of the same political party or political group. The regional counting [ACCU-VOTE REVIEW] board is responsible for overseeing the counting of absentee and questioned ballots and for assisting the division in pre-election processes. (Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/9/94, Register 131; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.10.120 AS 15.10.140 AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.030 AS 15.15.350 AS 15.15.360 AS 15.15.370 AS 15.20.900

6 AAC 25.033(a) is amended to read:
(a) A familial relationship may not exist between a candidate and an election official appointed under AS 15.10.120, 15.10.125, 15.10.140, 15.10.180; AS 15.20.045, 15.20.190; or 6 AAC 25.030(e) in a primary, general, special primary, or [STATEWIDE] special election if the candidate's name appears on the ballot for the precinct or absentee voting site in which the election official is serving. A familial relationship includes

(1) mother, mother-in-law, stepmother;

(2) father, father-in-law, stepfather;

(3) sister, sister-in-law, stepsister;

(4) brother, brother-in-law, stepbrother;

(5) spouse; or

(6) person sharing the same living quarters.

(Eff. 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.110 AS 15.15.340

6 AAC 25.035(e) is amended to read:

(e) Members of the regional counting [BALLOT TABULATION] boards, as appointed by the regional election supervisors, will be paid a fee of $25 per hour for time spent at their election duties.

(Eff. 7/11/82, Register 83; am 7/17/88, Register 107; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 147; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.07.100 AS 15.15.030 AS 15.20.190
6 AAC 25.040(b) is amended to read:

(b) When voted absentee ballots begin to arrive in the regional and director's offices, the ballots will be secured and access limited to personnel of the division and the district absentee review [BALLOT COUNTING] board. The absentee ballots will be bundled, date stamped by bundle, and processed according to the date stamped for the bundle. The information contained on the affidavit envelope will be compared to the master list of registered voters, and the name of the voter recorded in the absentee register for that district's ballots. The register may be reviewed by interested persons at any time during the election process at the regional elections [SUPERVISOR'S] offices.

(Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52, am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/6/87, Register 103; am 8/25/89, Register 111; am 8/9/94, Register 131; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/09, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.370 AS 15.20.170
AS 15.15.030 AS 15.15.480 AS 15.20.900

6 AAC 25.045 is amended to read:

**6 AAC 25.045. Voting equipment [ACCU-VOTE] tests and security.** Before an election, the ballot [ACCU-VOTE] counting program must be tested as follows:
(1) the state ballot counting review board is responsible for performing and certifying the initial logic and accuracy test of the ballot [ACCU-VOTE] counting program and memory cards;

(2) the regional counting [ACCU-VOTE REVIEW] board or regional area [ACCU-VOTE] coordinator is responsible for performing a second logic and accuracy test of the ballot [ACCU-VOTE] counting program memory cards and preparing the memory cards for election use;

(3) before the opening of the polls on election day at locations where there is a [AN ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator, the election board is responsible for certifying that the precinct tabulator prints a zero totals report;

(4) before counting absentee or questioned ballots, the regional counting [ACCU-VOTE REVIEW] board will verify that a zero totals report is printed before each tabulator [MEMORY CARD] is used [; IF THE SAME MEMORY CARD IS USED IN A SUBSEQUENT COUNT, THE BOARD WILL PRINT A TOTALS REPORT BEFORE RESUMING COUNT, AND VERIFY THAT IT MATCHES THE TOTALS REPORT FROM THE SUBSEQUENT COUNT]. (Eff. 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 10/16/09, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:  
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.201 AS 15.20.900  
AS 15.15.030 AS 15.20.205

6 AAC 25.050(b) is amended to read:

(b) In locations where a [AN ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator is used, the voted ballots counted by the [ACCU-VOTE] tabulator must be transported on election night to a secured
storage area prearranged by the director or the director's designee or mailed to the director's office.

(Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/6/87, Register 103; am 7/17/88, Register 107; am 8/9/94, Register 131; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:  
AS 15.15.010  AS 15.15.370  AS 15.20.900  
AS 15.15.030  AS 15.15.480

6 AAC 25.065(b) is amended to read:

(b) Board members shall set aside a ballot described in (a) of this section that is eligible for counting if

(1) the voted ballot cannot be counted by the [ACCU-VOTE] absentee and questioned ballot tabulator because

(A) the voter marked the ballot in a manner that causes the tabulator to reject the ballot; or

(B) the ballot is otherwise damaged; and

(2) the board members determined that the ballot contains clear evidence of the voter's intent.

6 AAC 25.065(e) is amended to read:

(e) In this section, "board members" means members of the district absentee ballot counting board, [THE] district questioned ballot counting board, [THE] regional counting [ACCU-VOTE REVIEW] board, or [THE] state ballot counting review board designated by the
6 AAC 25.066(a) is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.066. Uncounted ballots at machine-count [ACCU-VOTE] precincts. (a) The procedures set out in this section apply to a voted ballot that was unable to be counted in the [ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator, and that the state ballot counting review board receives [RECEIVED BY THE STATE REVIEW BOARD] for a determination as to whether the ballot is eligible for counting.

6 AAC 25.066(b) is amended to read:

(b) The election board shall instruct voters to place the voter's ballot in the emergency compartment of the [ACCU-VOTE] ballot box if the voted ballot cannot be counted in the tabulator because the

(1) tabulator is unable to accept ballots due to a malfunction or power loss;

(2) voter marked the ballot in a manner that causes the tabulator to reject the ballot and the voter does not wish to correct the ballot; or

(3) tabulator rejects the ballot for an unknown reason.

6 AAC 25.066(d) is amended to read:
(d) The state ballot counting review board [STATE REVIEW BOARD] will conduct its review and count ballots that have been sent in the uncounted ballot envelope, described in (b) of this section, using the rules specified in AS 15.15.360. (Eff. 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.350 AS 15.15.360

6 AAC 25.067(b) is amended to read:

(b) The director will set aside a ballot described in (a) of this section if, after reviewing the ballot, the director determines that

(1) it was marked by the voter in a manner that caused [AN ACCU-VOTE] precinct tabulator to register as being unmarked on the ballot the race, proposition, or question that is the subject of the recount; and

(2) the ballot contains clear evidence of the voter's intent regarding that race, proposition, or question.

(Eff. 10/31/98, Register 148; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.480 AS 15.20.900

AS 15.15.030

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

6 AAC 25.069. Placement of write-in candidates on the ballot. On the general election ballot, the director will provide one space for a write-in candidate in each candidate race, except that in the race for president and vice-president, the director will not provide spaces for write-in candidates. (Eff.__/__/___, Register ____)

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

**6 AAC 25.071. Counting of write-in votes.** In a general election, if one or more candidates have filed as write-in candidates for a race, the election board shall initially count the total number of active ballots on which a write-in candidate is the highest-ranked candidate. If this number is less than the number of votes received by the leading candidate in the first round of tabulation and the difference is equal to or greater than 0.5 percent of the total number of votes for the leading candidate and the write-in candidates in the first round of tabulation, all write-in candidates are defeated. Otherwise, the division shall conduct the tabulation under AS 15.15.350 with each valid write-in candidate as an individual candidate. (Eff. __/__/____, Register___)

Authority: AS 15.010 AS 15.030 AS 15.040 AS 15.050 AS 15.060
6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**6 AAC 25.072. Duplicate rankings.** In a general election, a duplicate ranking occurs when a voter marks more than one ranking for the same candidate. The election board shall count a duplicate ranking as the highest ranking marked for the candidate and disregard the remaining rankings for that candidate. (Eff. __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:** AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.350

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

**6 AAC 25.073. Electioneering prohibitions at polling places.** The prohibitions in AS 15.15.170 and AS 15.56.016(a)(2) apply to any attempted persuasion, or any materials, relating to candidates, propositions, and questions currently on the ballot at the polling place. Prohibited activities include campaigning, signature-gathering, and discussing candidates, propositions, or questions on the ballot in a manner that could influence a voter. Prohibited materials include signs, fliers, bumper stickers, buttons, hats, and clothing bearing the name, image, or campaign slogan of a candidate on the ballot, or naming or describing a proposition or question on the ballot. (Eff. __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:** AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.170 AS 15.56.016

6 AAC 25.140(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed __/__/____.
6 AAC 25.140(d) is amended to read:

(d) Upon receipt of the materials that satisfy the requirements of AS 15.80.008(a)(1) and (b) of this section [AS 15.80.008(a)(1) - (2) AND (b) - (c) OF THIS SECTION], the director will begin to track registrations for the group seeking recognized political party status. The director will recognize a group as a political party in accordance with the requirements of AS 15.80.008. (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 2/28/2014, Register 209; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010  AS 15.80.008  AS 15.80.010

6 AAC 25.145(b) is amended to read:

(b) Forms used to register a voter will be reviewed at least once a year. If at the time of the review, a group has applied for recognized political party status or a group has obtained recognized political party status, the group's name will be printed on the form. If a political party no longer qualifies as a recognized political party as defined in AS 15.80.010 when the forms are reprinted, the party's name will be removed from the form at the time of the review unless the items required in 6 AAC 25.140(b) [AND (c)] are submitted.

6 AAC 25.145(d) is amended to read:

(d) Updated forms will not be finalized or printed in the 10 days following notification that the group does not qualify as a recognized political party to allow time for the political group to submit the items required in 6 AAC 25.140(b) [AND (c)].
6 AAC 25.195. Ranked-choice tabulation results. Ranked-choice tabulation takes place beginning on the 15th day following the general election after all eligible absentee and questioned ballots have been counted. The tabulation takes place in the director’s office or other location determined by the director. The director will make results available to the public following each round of tabulation. Before the 15th day, only first-choice results will be available. (Eff.__/__/____, Register____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.370

6 AAC 25.200(c) is amended to read:

(c) A recount may be conducted using tabulators [ACCU-VOTE COUNTING SYSTEMS] along with a hand-count verification of the recount results from one precinct per house district.

6 AAC 25.200(d) is amended to read:

(d) A recount of the ballots cast on the accessible voting device [DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC (DRE) VOTING SYSTEM] shall be conducted by hand counting the voter-verifiable paper receipt from that voting system for that polling place. If the voter-verifiable paper receipt is not
(1) available, the election results reflected on the printed results report and reported election night by the election board for the affected precinct are the results [IS THE RESULT] for the recount for that precinct;

(2) readable, the election results reflected on the printed results report and reported election night by the election board for the affected precinct are the results [IS THE RESULT] for the recount for that precinct; if the printed results report from the election board are not available, a duplicate receipt may be printed from the polling place memory card.

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.430 AS 15.20.480

6 AAC 25.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) When conducting a recount of a general election, the director will recount each round of ranked-choice tabulation using tabulators along with a hand-count verification of the initial results from one precinct per house district. The director will issue a certificate of election to the elected candidate as determined by ranked-choice voting. (Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/6/87, Register 103; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/24/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.430 AS 15.20.490 AS 15.15.350 AS 15.20.480

6 AAC 25.203(a) is amended to read:

(a) The hand-count verification of election results under AS 15.15.430(a)(3) will be conducted following a [EACH] primary or general election [,] or special primary or
[STATEWIDE] special election under AS 15.40.140. The verification will take place in the director's office or at another site in Juneau, selected by the director.

6 AAC 25.203(c) is amended to read:

(c) In conducting the hand-count verification of election results in each randomly selected precinct,

(1) the ballots for contested candidate races will be **hand counted** [HAND-COUNTED] and compared against the results as reported election night;

(2) if there are ballot measures appearing on the ballot, the ballots for at least one randomly selected ballot measure will be **hand counted** [HAND-COUNTED] and compared against the results as reported on election night;

(3) if there are judicial retention candidates appearing on the ballot, the ballots for at least one randomly selected judicial retention candidate will be **hand counted** [HAND-COUNTED] and compared against the results as reported on election night. (Eff. 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register___)

Authority:       AS 15.15.010       AS 15.20.900       AS 15.40.220
                   AS 15.15.430       **AS 15.40.140**

6 AAC 25.205 is repealed:

**6 AAC 25.205. Addition of lieutenant governor by nominating petition if no candidate nominated in a party primary.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/11/2002, Register 164; repealed __/__/____, Register___)
6 AAC 25.210(b) is amended to read:

(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 day before the date of the general election. (Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am __/__/____, Register____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.15.010  [AS 15.25.110]  [AS 15.25.200]

AS 15.25.055  **AS 15.25.100**

6 AAC 25.212(d) is amended to read:

(d) Written notice of a candidate's request to change how the candidate's name appears on a ballot must be received by the director not later than the deadline for the candidate to withdraw from the election as provided under AS 15.25.055 for the primary and special primary election and **AS 15.25.100** [AS 15.25.200] for the general election.

(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 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 2/10/2018, Register 225; am __/__/____, Register____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.15.010  AS 15.15.030  **AS 15.25.100**

6 AAC 25.220(b) is amended to read:

(b) The list of names recommending nominees for appointment to the state ballot counting review board [STATE REVIEW BOARD] under AS 15.10.180, is final, and not
subject to alteration by the state central committee, after the deadline established in AS 15.10.180.

(Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____)

Authority: AS 15.10.180 AS 15.15.010

6 AAC 25.225 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.225. Replacement for a [WITHDRAWN] lieutenant governor candidate [NOMINATED BY PETITION]. If the candidacy [A CANDIDATE] for lieutenant governor becomes vacant [WHO WAS NOMINATED BY PETITION WITHDRAWS] before the general election as provided in AS 15.25.100(d) [AS 15.25.200], the candidate for governor shall [WHO WAS NOMINATED BY PETITION AND WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WITHDRAWN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE MAY] provide to the director, not later than 64 days before the date of the general election, the name of a candidate for lieutenant governor to fill the vacancy. If the name of a candidate for lieutenant governor is provided timely [PROVIDED] under this section, the director will place the name of that candidate on the ballot for the general election jointly with the candidate for governor who provided the name under this section. (Eff. 9/2/2014, Register 212; am 12/14/2014, Register 212; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.100 [AK. CONST., ART III SEC. 8]

AS 15.15.030 [AS 15.25.200]
6 AAC 25.240(a) is amended to read:

(a) Upon certification of the application for a petition, the director will prepare petition booklets for circulation by petition circulators in the general manner prescribed by AS 15.45.090, [AS] 15.45.320, or 15.45.560. The director will prepare and have printed [500 OR LESS ] sequentially numbered official petition booklets as determined by the director to allow full circulation throughout the state or throughout the senate or house district that will be affected. The booklets will be sent, or otherwise made available for delivery, to a member of the initiative, referendum, or recall committee or the committee's designee for distribution to circulators. The committee or designee may request additional booklets. Upon the director's approval of the request, additional sequentially numbered booklets will be printed by the director and made available to committee or designee, or printed by the committee or designee in a format approved by the director. The committee or designee must pay the cost of printing additional booklets in excess of the initial booklets. If the committee or designee elects to have additional booklets printed, the first booklet from each additional printing shall be submitted to the director.

(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 186; 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 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 2/10/2018, Register 225; 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
6 AAC 25.260(a) is amended to read:

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

6 AAC 25.260(d) is amended to read:

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

(Eff. 8/6/87, Register 103; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.05.020 AS 15.25.030 AS 15.25.043

AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.042 [AS 15.25.180]
6 AAC 25.270(a) is amended to read:

(a) If an election is set aside by court order, the director will promptly schedule a special election. The date of the special election will be determined by the director upon consideration of the time necessary to

(1) provide adequate public notice;

(2) prepare and distribute election materials; and

(3) appoint and train election personnel. [AND]

(4) OBTAIN, AS NECESSARY, REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY FEDERAL AGENCIES].

6 AAC 25.270(b) is amended to read:

(b) Except as provided in this section, the provisions regarding the conduct of the election that was set aside by court order or for which no certification was issued, govern the conduct of the special election. The following provisions apply to a special election under this section:

(1) the director will place on the special election ballot the names of all candidates who were listed on the ballot in the election that was set aside or for which no certification of election or nomination was issued; vacancies in nomination may be filled to the extent provided by law; [.

(2) the requirements in AS 15.10 and AS 15.20 regarding political party nomination or approval of bipartisan boards do not apply to a special election conducted under this section if the director determines that those requirements will delay the special election; however, the director will advise the political parties and political groups of any appointment to a board and will, to the extent reasonable and practicable,
solicit the advice of the political party or political group; any [ANY] deadline regarding the appointment of board members does not apply to a special election conducted under this section; [.]

(3) the [THE] director will determine whether ballots will be electronically tabulated or hand counted; the [THE] ballot counting procedures established by the director will maintain ballot security and will allow watchers to observe the counting process; the [THE] director may also establish expedited procedures to govern the review and counting of absentee and questioned ballots, and review by the state ballot counting review board; [.]

(4) [NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF 6 AAC 25.120(b), IF A SPECIAL ELECTION IS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A SEAT IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, THE DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE WHICH OF THE ABSENTEE VOTING STATIONS IDENTIFIED IN 6 AAC 25.120 WILL BE USED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

(5)) applications [APPLICATIONS] for absentee voting by mail will be made available as promptly as possible upon scheduling of a special election under this section; if [IF] a regular absentee ballot is available in a timely fashion, the director may [WILL, IN HIS OR HER DISCRETION,] waive preparation and distribution of the special absentee ballot described in AS 15.20.082. (Eff. 1/27/89, Register 109; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.10.105 AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.560
6 AAC 25.290 is repealed:

6 AAC 25.290. Required number of signatures for no-party candidacy for district-wide office for the first general election following reapportionment. Repealed. (Eff. 7/13/92, Register 123; am 11/25/92, Register 124; repealed __/__/____, Register __)

6 AAC 25.300(a) is amended to read:

(a) The director will establish a method to be used for determining the ballot placement of candidates for the primary, special primary, special, and general elections using the procedures set out in this section. (Eff. 3/15/96, Register 138; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register171; am 5/14/2006, Register 147; am __/__/____, Register___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.060 AS 15.40.140

AS 15.15.030 AS 15.25.100 AS 15.40.220

AS 15.20.900 [AS 15.25.190]

6 AAC 25.400(b) is amended to read:

(b) The procedures set out in 6 AAC 25.400 - 6 AAC 25.490 do not apply to an election recount under AS 15.20.430 - 15.20.530, or to an election contest under AS 15.20.540 - 15.20.560. A complainant who wishes to challenge the validity of a primary, special primary, general, or special election, or to determine the validity of a ballot or vote must seek relief as otherwise provided by law. (Eff. 8/29/2003, Register 167; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 [AS 15.05.010]
6 AAC 25.500(b) is amended to read:

(b) Unless otherwise specified in (a) of this section, the operation of absentee voting stations, other than election supervisors' offices, is limited to the following elections:

(1) primary elections [ELECTION];

(2) special primary elections:

(3) [2] general elections [ELECTION]; and

(4) [3] [STATEWIDE] special elections.

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; em am 8/9/94 – 12/6/94, Register 131; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186, am ___/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.045

6 AAC 25.505(b) is amended to read:

(b) If the application for an absentee by-mail ballot is not prepared by the division, the application must be submitted to the director no later than 30 days before election day, and must include

(1) space for

(A) the applicant to request for which election the applicant would like an absentee by-mail ballot;

(B) the applicant's full name and gender [SEX];

(C) the applicant's State of Alaska driver's license number or State of Alaska identification card number, the applicant's voter identification number, [OR] the
last four digits of the applicant's social security number, or an indication that the applicant does not have these forms of identification:

(D) the applicant's date of birth;

(E) the applicant's residence address;

(F) the applicant to indicate if the applicant wishes to keep the applicant's residence address confidential;

(G) the applicant's permanent mailing address;

(H) the address to which the applicant wants the absentee by-mail ballot mailed, if that address is different from the applicant's permanent mailing address;

(I) [REPEALED 10/16/2009;]

(J) the applicant to declare that the applicant will be 18 years of age or older within 90 days after the date of registration;

(J) [(K)] the applicant to declare that the applicant is a citizen of the United States;

(K) [(L)] the applicant to date the application;

(L) [(M)] the applicant's signature or mark;

(M) [(N)] the applicant to designate a political party or group affiliation;

[(O) THE APPLICANT TO REVIEW PRIMARY BALLOT CHOICES AVAILABLE IF THE APPLICATION IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION AND TO DESIGNATE A PRIMARY BALLOT CHOICE;]

(N) [(P)] the applicant to state if

(i) the applicant is a member of one of the uniformed services on active duty;
(ii) the applicant is a member of the merchant marine;

(iii) the applicant is 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 subparagraph, the ballot is to be sent by mail, online delivery, or facsimile, and space for the applicant to provide the mailing address, electronic mail address, or facsimile number to which the ballot should be sent;

(O) [(Q)] the applicant to state if the applicant is an absent overseas voter qualifying under AS 15.05.011;

(P) [(R) REPEALED 2/28/2014;

(S)] the applicant to indicate 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

(Q) [(T)] the applicant to provide any former name under which the applicant was registered to vote in the state;

(2) a voter certificate and attestation that is the same as the certificate and attestation set out in the application as prepared by the division;

(3) a warning that a false statement on the application may make the applicant subject to conviction of a felony or misdemeanor under AS 15.56.040 or 15.56.050; [AND]

(4) a statement that the application must be received by the division at least 10 days before election day.
(5) a return address that is the same address the division provides for mailing absentee ballot applications to the division; and

(6) a prominent statement identifying the name of the organization that is providing the application along with a contact telephone number.

6 AAC 25.505(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed __/__/____.

(Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am __/__/____, Register____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.510(a) is amended to read:

(a) A voter shall provide at least one form of identification specified under (b) of this section at the time the voter

(1) applies for an absentee ballot by mail; and [OR

(2) REPEALED 8/23/2001;]

2 (3) executes the voter's certificate in voting an absentee ballot by mail or special needs [;

(4) REPEALED 8/22/2004].

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/9/94, Register 131; am 1/5/95, Register 133; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.072 AS 15.20.081
6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**6 AAC 25.641. Rejection of duplicate ballots.** If a voter submits more than one ballot, none of the voter’s identifiable ballots will be counted. (Eff. __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.15.010   AS 15.15.410   AS 15.20.207

AS 15.15.210   AS 15.20.203   AS 15.56.040

6 AAC 25.643 is amended to read:

The counting of questioned ballots for a district shall begin when the questioned ballots for the entire district have all been reviewed by the district questioned ballot counting board. If the ballots for the entire district have not all been reviewed by the third day following the election, the ballot counting for that district may not [TAKE PLACE] until the sixth day following the election. (Eff. 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am __/__/____, Register ____)

**Authority:**

AS 15.15.010   AS 15.20.205   AS 15.20.900

6 AAC 25.650(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person designated as a permanent absentee voter under (a) of this section will be sent an application for an absentee by-mail ballot at the permanent mailing address stated on the voter’s current registration record on the following schedule:

(1) even-numbered years: no later than May, to every permanent absentee voter on the statewide registration rolls;

(2) odd-numbered years: no later than May, to every permanent absentee voter located in an area that will be voting in a regional educational attendance area;
(3) at least 45 days before a special election or special primary election in any calendar year that is not a by-mail election; and

(4) at a time specified by the director or an election supervisor before any election, to voters defined in (a) of this section who registered to vote after the last mailing of absentee by-mail ballot applications.

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am__/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.670(a) is amended to read:

(a) For a statewide primary, special 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.

6 AAC 25.670(b) is amended to read:

(b) In completing the federal write-in ballot, the voter may designate a candidate for each candidate race for a primary, special primary, general, or special 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 or political group. If the voter has written in the name of a [THE] political party or political group, [FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION] the ballot will be counted for the candidate designated as affiliated with [OF] that political party or political group [CERTIFIED TO APPEAR] on the state's official ballot.

However, if two or more candidates have the same party or group affiliation, the ballot will not be counted for that candidate race unless the intention of the voter can be ascertained. Any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the name of a candidate, [OR] political party, or political group will be disregarded in determining the validity of the ballot, if the intention of the voter can be ascertained. For general elections the voter may rank multiple candidates or designate a single candidate, who will be counted as the voter’s highest-ranked candidate. 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 AS 15.15.360(d)(2) [AS 15.15.360(a)(11)] that the voter mark the oval opposite the candidate's name does not apply.

6 AAC 25.670(c) is amended to read:

(c) A federal write-in ballot of a voter will be reviewed in the manner
prescribed under 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 absent 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) the voter was sent a ballot by the division, and 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 before a statewide primary, special primary, general, or special election.

6 AAC 25.670(e) is amended to read:

(e) A voter who is eligible to use the federal write-in absentee 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 absentee ballot is received by the division 45 days or less before a statewide primary, general, or special election. If a federal write-in absentee ballot is incomplete for voting, the federal write-in absentee ballot will be processed following voter registration and absentee ballot application procedures. If the voter simultaneously applies for a ballot and votes the federal write-in absentee ballot 46 or more days before a statewide primary, special primary, general, or special election, the division will process the application for a ballot and send an official ballot to the voter. (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
Authority: AS 15.05.011 AS 15.15.360 AS 15.20.081
          AS 15.05.014 AS 15.15.365 AS 15.20.203
          AS 15.15.010

6 AAC 25.683(a) is amended to read:

   (a) An individual with a general power of attorney in accordance with AS 13.26.645 [AS
13.26.332] or a special power of attorney in accordance with this section may

       (1) register a voter to vote or cancel a voter’s registration;

       (2) apply for an absentee ballot by mail or by electronic transmission on behalf of
the voter;

       (3) request a change to the mailing address of the voter's absentee by-mail ballot;

       (4) request a change to the electronic transmission telephone number or address to
which the voter's ballot will be transmitted if voting by electronic transmission; or

       (5) request a replacement ballot for the voter in accordance with 6 AAC 25.685 if
an absentee by-mail or electronic transmission ballot has been properly applied for and has not
been received[; OR

       (6) REQUEST A CHANGE TO OR CLARIFY ON AN APPLICATION WHICH
BALLOT THE VOTER WILL RECEIVED IN A PRIMARY ELECTION].

6 AAC 25.683(b) is amended to read:

   (b) A special power of attorney must include
(1) the name of the voter;

(2) the address of the voter;

(3) the name of the individual appointed as having power of attorney;

(4) a specific notation that allows the individual to register the voter, [OR] request an absentee by-mail ballot, or cancel the voter’s registration;

(5) effective dates of the power of attorney document;

(6) the voter's signature; and

(7) an acknowledgment in accordance with AS 09.63.100.

(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am __/__/____, Register ___)

Authority: 

AS 15.07.050  AS 15.15.010

AS 15.07.070  AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.685(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed __/__/____.

6 AAC 25.685(g) is amended to read:

(g) A voter who receives an absentee replacement ballot

(1) by mail under this section must return the ballot by mail in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.20.081(d) - (h) if the replacement ballot is for statewide primary, special primary, general, or special election; [.] or

(2) by electronic transmission under this section must return the ballot either by mail or by facsimile transmission in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.20.081(d) -
(h) if the replacement ballot is for a statewide primary, special primary, general, or special election.

(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am __/__/____, Register ___)

**Authority:** AS 15.15.010  AS 15.20.066  AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.686 is amended to read:

For a statewide primary, special primary, general, or special election, 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 2/28/2014, Register 209; 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.

6 AAC 25.690(c) is amended to read:

(c) A candidate may submit any of the candidate's following biographical information to be included in the election pamphlet:

(1) name;
(2) residence address;
(3) mailing address;
(4) election district;
(5) political party or political group affiliation;
(6) electronic mail address;
(7) web site address;
(8) age at date of the election;
(9) place of birth;
(10) occupation;
(11) spouse's name;
(12) children's names;
(13) length of Alaska residency;
(14) communities lived in and dates of residence;
(15) education, such as high school, technical and vocational school, college, university, or postgraduate, including dates attended and degree or certificates earned;
(16) military service, listing the branch, length of service, rank, and awards earned;
(17) political and government positions;
(18) business and professional positions;
(19) service organization memberships;
(20) special interests;
(21) any other information the candidate considers appropriate.

(Eff. 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009 Register 192; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010  AS 15.58.030  AS 15.58.090

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

6 AAC 25.730. Availability of official election pamphlet at polling places. Election officials may make available at polling places the election pamphlet, including the election pamphlet translated into the appropriate Alaska Native languages. Doing so does not violate AS 15.15.170 or AS 15.56.016(a)(2). (Eff. __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010  AS 15.58.020
6 AAC 25.990(2) is repealed:

(2) Repealed __/__/____.

6 AAC 25.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(13) "voting equipment" means the state's electronic ballot tabulation system.

(Eff. 10/31/98, Register 148; am 12/15/99, Register 153; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:  
AS 15.07.050  AS 15.20.081  AS 15.45.110  
AS 15.15.010  AS 15.20.900  AS 15.45.130  
AS 15.15.030

The authority citation for 6 AAC 27.035 is changed to read:

Authority:  
AS 15.15.010

The authority citation for 6 AAC 27.150 is changed to read:

Authority:  
AS 15.15.010  [AS 15.25.150]  AS 29.05.120

6 AAC 27.175(c) is amended to read:

(c) The request must include

(1) the type of election; and

(2) ballot language [; AND
(3) A COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR PRECLEARANCE THAT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE].

6 AAC 27.175(d) is repealed:

   (d) Repealed __/__/____.

6 AAC 27.175(e) is amended to read:

   (e) The division of elections will prepare a memorandum of agreement that sets out the
       (1) responsibilities of the division and municipality [, AND (2) COST TO THE MUNICIPALITY]; and
       (2) cost to the municipality.

(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: Art. X, sec. 13 AK Const. AS 15.15.010 AS 29.35.010