



State of Alaska
Special Election Pamphlet
April 3, 2007



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Division of Elections

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IDENTIFICATION NEEDED AT ALL POLLING LOCATIONS

Voters **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification such as:

- Voter ID Card
- Driver's License
- State Identification Card
- Passport
- Military ID Card
- Birth Certificate
- Hunting or Fishing License
- Other current or valid photo ID

Other forms of identification you may present, that **MUST** include your name and current address, are:

- Current Utility Bill
- Government Check
- Or, Other Government Document
- Bank Statement
- Pay Check

**If you do not have identification,
you will be asked to vote a Questioned Ballot.**



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Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

January 2007

Dear Alaskans,

I hope the information in this Special Election Pamphlet for the advisory vote on April 3 will help you make an informed decision when you go to the polls.

If you will be out of state on April 3 or if you are unable to get to your polling location on that day, you may vote absentee, beginning March 19. In this voter guide you will find information explaining absentee voting. You may also call your regional elections office for voting assistance or review the Division of Elections' Internet homepage for information:

<http://ltgov.state.ak.us/elections>

Please use your hard-earned privilege and vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

State Of Alaska Absentee By Fax Application

THIS APPLICATION CANNOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL 15 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY

For the 2007 Special Election, you may submit this application beginning March 19, 2007. The application must be received by the Absentee Voting Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska time on April 2, 2007 for you to receive a ballot for this election.

1. Last Name _____	First Name _____	Middle Initial _____	Suffix (Circle One) Jr., Sr., II, III or _____
2. Name Previously Registered _____			
3. You MUST Provide the Alaska Residence Address Where You Live – do not use PO, PSC, HC or RR			
House # _____	Street Name _____	Apt # _____	City _____ State ALASKA
4. You MUST provide at least ONE		5. Fax My Ballot To The Following Number: If out of country, provide country and city code. A direct line fax is preferable.	6. Phone Number Where You May Be Contacted: If out of country, provide country and city code.
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security No. _____/_____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Last 4 Digits of SSN _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Driver's License No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska State ID Card No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Voter No. _____		Fax #: (_____) _____	Phone: (_____) _____
		City: _____ State: _____	City: _____ State: _____
		County: _____	Email: _____
7. Voters Certificate. Read and sign below:			FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:			VN _____
The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, I am not requesting a ballot from any other state, and I am not voting in any other manner in this election.			D/P _____
I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration.			INTLS _____
_____ Voter Signature		_____ Date	
<small>WARNING: If you provide false information on this application you can be convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor. (AS 15.56.040; AS 15.56.050)</small>			

ABSENTEE BY FAX APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must apply separately for each election.
2. All information on this application is mandatory. Print clearly. Use blue or black ink.
3. **ALASKA RESIDENCE ADDRESS - MUST BE PROVIDED ON LINE 3:** A complete physical residence address must be included on your application. Your application will not be processed if you leave the residence address blank or if you provide a PO Box, HC No. and Box, PSC Box, Rural Route No., Commercial Address or Mail Stop Address on line 3 of the application.
4. **NOTE TO RESIDENTS TEMPORARILY OUT OF STATE:** To remain registered in Alaska you must be an Alaska resident and provide your physical residence address within the State. If you are temporarily outside Alaska and have the intent to return, you may wish to maintain your Alaska residence as it appears on your current record. The residence address provided on line 3 must be within Alaska.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Absentee Voting Office at 907-375-6400 or email to: akabsentee@gov.state.ak.us. You may check the status of your absentee ballot application at <http://www.elections.state.ak.us/>

You may FAX your completed application to the Absentee Voting Office at (907) 677-9943

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Voter Eligibility and Polling Places

Frequently Asked Questions

Q – Who can vote?

A – U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in Alaska at least 30 days before an election. This means you must be registered to vote in Alaska on or before Sunday, March 4, 2007 in order to vote on Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

Q – How do I become an Alaska resident?

A – You ARE a resident for voting purposes if you are in Alaska with the intent to remain in the state and are not registered to vote in another state.

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 April 3, 2007 in order to vote in the April 3, 2007 Special Election.

Q – I have just become a U.S. citizen. May I vote in the April 3, 2007 Special Election?

A – If you became a U.S. citizen on or before March 4, 2007 and you registered to vote on or before that date, you may vote in the April 3, 2007 Special Election.

Q – If I was arrested or convicted of a felony may I still vote?

A – If you were convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude and unconditionally discharged you may vote. In this case you must re-register with the Division of Elections by March 4, 2007 to be eligible to vote in the April 3, 2007 Special Election.

Q – How do I register to vote?

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

www.elections.state.ak.us.

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. This must be done by March 4, 2007 for the Special Election on April 3, 2007.

POLLING PLACE QUESTIONS

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.state.ak.us

Q – Where do I vote?

A – Go to your polling place.

Q – What do I do if my polling place is not open?

A – In the rare instance this might happen, call your regional election office for information. Phone numbers for all Regional Elections offices are listed on the back cover of this pamphlet.

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, military ID, fishing or hunting license, voter ID card, state ID card, passport, birth certificate or other current or valid photo ID. 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. See the section in this pamphlet on Absentee Voting.

Voter Rights/Assistance While Voting

Special Election - April 3, 2007

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. TO LOCATE YOUR POLLING PLACE PLEASE CALL 1-888-383-8683. IN ANCHORAGE, PLEASE CALL 269-8683. The following information explains basic voting rights and will help voters with special needs.

Election information is also available on the Division of Elections' website:
<http://www.elections.state.ak.us>

ASSISTANCE WHILE VOTING

If you have difficulty voting because of a disability, difficulty reading or writing English, or for any other reason, you may bring someone to help you at the polls. The person you bring may go into the voting booth with you and help you vote. This person may be an election official, family member, friend, bystander, campaign worker, or anyone else who is not a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. This is your right under state law.

NON ENGLISH SPEAKING VOTERS

Alaska Native and Tagalog language assistance is available at many polling places throughout the state. Let the Division of Elections know ahead of time if you will need this service when you vote.

HEARING IMPAIRED VOTERS

The Division of Elections has a TTY telecommunications device, which allows hearing impaired voters to obtain general information about elections by calling (907) 465-3020.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTERS

Magnifying ballot viewers for the visually impaired will be available at all polling places and absentee voting sites.

Audio tape recordings of the **April 3, 2007 Special Election Pamphlet** are available from the Alaska State Library, Talking Book Center, located in Anchorage. Contact the library at (907) 269-6575 for information.

PHYSICALLY DISABLED VOTERS

If you have difficulty gaining access to your polling place, or if you have accessibility questions about your polling place, please let the Division of Elections know. We make every effort to ensure that polling places are accessible to all Alaskans.

EMERGENCY ABSENCES

If you are unable to vote at your polling place for the Special Election and did not have time to apply for an absentee by mail ballot or to vote absentee in person, you may be able to vote by fax. The application period for voting by fax begins on **March 19, 2007** and applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. AST on April 2, 2007**.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPECIAL SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT ANY REGIONAL ELECTIONS OFFICE.

REGION I

JUNEAU: (907) 465-3021

KENAI: (907) 283-3805

REGION II

ANCHORAGE: (907) 522-8683

MAT-SU: (907) 373-8952

REGION III

FAIRBANKS: (907) 451-2835

REGION IV

NOME: (907) 443-5285

Absentee Voting

In Person/By Mail/By Fax/Special Needs Voting

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING

In accordance with Alaska law, any voter may vote before Election Day for any reason. You may vote absentee in person, by mail, by fax or vote a special needs ballot through a personal representative.

ABSENTEE IN PERSON

Beginning on **March 19**, you may vote absentee in person at any of the Regional Elections offices or other voting sites established by the Division of Elections. To find an absentee in person voting location, visit our website at: <http://www.elections.state.ak.us> or call any Elections office.

ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Absentee ballot applications are available and can be submitted after January 1st of each calendar year, up to 10 days prior to each election for any state elections during that year. You can request a ballot for a specific election or for all elections in the year. To receive an absentee ballot by mail, you must first send an application so that your voter registration can be verified. The completed application may be returned to the Division in person, by mail or by fax. **Apply early to ensure timely delivery of your ballot.** All absentee by mail ballot applications must be received **by March 24, 2007 for the April 3, 2007 Special Election.** The Absentee by mail office will be open on Saturday, March 24 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to accept by mail ballot applications. Voted absentee by mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

ABSENTEE BY FAX

Absentee by fax should be your last alternative for casting your ballot. You may apply for an absentee by fax ballot beginning on **March 19, 2007** by completing a by fax application. The completed application may be returned to the Division in person, by mail or by fax. Your completed application must be received by **5:00 p.m. AST** on Monday, **April 2, 2007**. If you choose to return your voted ballot by fax, you voluntarily waive a portion of your right to a secret ballot. **Voted fax ballots may be returned by fax before 8:00 p.m. AST on Election Day and may also be returned by mail, postmarked on or before Election Day.**

SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING

A qualified voter who is unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability may apply for a special needs ballot through a personal representative. A 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. The personal representative may obtain a ballot for the voter beginning on **March 19, 2007** through Election Day Tuesday, **April 3, 2007** at any Regional Elections office or any absentee voting site. In addition, special needs ballots may be obtained at the precincts on Election Day.

Contact any Division of Elections office to obtain a by mail or by fax application. For additional information on by mail and by fax voting, contact the Absentee Voting office. For information on in person and special needs voting, contact the Regional Elections office nearest you. Absentee voting information is also available online:

<http://www.elections.state.ak.us>

DROP OFF, EMAIL, MAIL OR FAX
YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION TO:

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICE
619 E. SHIP CREEK AVE. #329
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1677
PHONE: (907) 375-6400 - FAX: (907) 375-6480
akabsentee@gov.state.ak.us

Polling Place Changes

<u>District/Precinct</u>	<u>Precinct Name</u>	<u>Old Address</u>	<u>New Address</u>
01-110	Ketchikan #1	American Legion Hall 631 Park Street Ketchikan, AK	Schoenbar Middle School 217 Schoenbar Rd. Ketchikan, AK
01-150	North Tongass No. 2	Hal's Equipment and Supplies 11856 N. Tongass Highway Ketchikan, AK	No. Tongass Fire Station #8 12110 N. Tongass Highway Ketchikan, AK
08-140	University Campus	Regent's Great Hall University of Alaska Campus Fairbanks, AK	Wood Center University of Alaska Campus Fairbanks, AK
09-353	Fairbanks #10	University Center Mall 3627 Airport Way Fairbanks, AK	Fairbanks Senior Center 1424 Moore Street Fairbanks, AK
37-738	St. George Island	Community Center Rec. Hall Zapadni Bay Road St. George Island, AK	Anna C. Lestenkof Residence Central Avenue St. George Island, AK
38-832	Merkoryuk	Community Hall 1st Avenue Merkoryuk, AK	Old City Building City Office Road Merkoryuk, AK
39-936	Scammon Bay	City of Scammon Bay City Office Building/Front Street Scammon Bay, AK	Old High School Gymnasium Hillside Street Scammon Bay, AK

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING INFORMATION

The touch screen voting machine, which was used in Alaska during the 2006 elections, complies with the accessible voting system requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). In accordance with HAVA, the touch screen machines are used in elections where a federal race appears on the ballot.

Because the 2007 Special Election does not include a federal race, the touch screen machines will not be used; instead, the traditional method of voting will be available in the polling places. Touch screen machines will be used again in the 2008 Primary and General elections.

Questions about voting?
Contact the Division of Elections' office nearest you.

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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 3, 2007



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL ELECTION
APRIL 3, 2007

IMPORTANT: To vote, COMPLETELY fill in the oval next to your choice as shown ●.

QUESTION

Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?

- YES
 NO

SPECIAL ADVISORY VOTE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?

Yes

No

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY SUMMARY

This measure calls for an advisory vote. The voters will be asked if a change to the state constitution should be proposed. If the change is proposed, it would appear on the 2008 general election ballot. The change would keep the state or a subdivision of the state from giving benefits to some people. Those people would be same-sex partners of public employees or of public employee retirees.

STATEMENT OF PROJECTED COSTS FOR SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS SPECIAL ADVISORY VOTE

Prepared by the Department of Administration

Pursuant to AS 15.58.020(6)(c), the Department of Administration has prepared the following statement of projected costs associated with implementation of benefits for same-sex domestic partners in accordance with the court Order.

The additional costs of adding a same-sex domestic partner center around the active and retiree health insurance plans. The analyses provided by two different health and welfare benefit consultants are consistent in their estimate of the number of increased covered dependents. Both consultants agree it is reasonable, given the experience of 11 other states and a number of other organizations,

including the University of Alaska and the City and Borough of Juneau, to assume an increase of 0.5% in additional covered lives.

Until the plans have actual experience, cost estimates are speculative. The current benefit consultant advised it is a reasonable approach to estimating costs to assume a 0.5% increase in total health claim costs, consistent with the 0.5% increase in covered lives.

Based on the above, increases to medical costs for the active and retiree plans are projected as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	(dollars in millions) <u>Amount</u>
FY 2008	\$2.7
FY 2009	\$3.0
FY 2010	\$3.2

The figures for the out years are based upon the 2008 cost projection and inflated for the medical cost trends contained in the retirement systems' actuarial valuations ending June 30, 2005.

The additional benefits costs described above would be eliminated or reduced if a constitutional amendment is enacted by the voters prohibiting these benefits. However, Alaska Constitution article XII, section 7 prevents the state from making changes to the retirement systems that diminish vested benefits.

Therefore, there may be a group that continues to be entitled to benefits for same-sex partners upon retirement even if a constitutional amendment is adopted that prohibits the state from providing benefits to same-sex partners of employees and retirees in the future. That group includes certain actively-employed members of the state's retirement systems. Therefore, a constitutional amendment may reduce, but not eliminate, the benefit costs described above.

SPECIAL ADVISORY VOTE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES

FULL TEXT OF BILL

AN ACT

Authorizing an advisory vote on employment benefits for same-sex partners of public employees and same-sex partners of public employee retirees.

* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

ADVISORY VOTE. At a special election to be held on April 3, 2007, in substantial compliance with the election laws of the state, including absentee voting and the preparation, publication, and mailing of an election pamphlet under AS 15.58, the lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified voters of the state a question advisory to the legislature and the governor. The election pamphlet for the special election must comply with AS 15.58.020(a)(6), including the requirement that it contain statements that advocate voter approval or rejection of the question. Notwithstanding AS 15.60.005 and other laws relating to preparation of the ballot proposition, the question shall appear on the ballot substantially in the following form:

QUESTION

Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?

Yes [] No []

SPECIAL ADVISORY VOTE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT

A **YES** on the Advisory Vote sends a clear message to politicians and judges: the people of Alaska want the right to vote on whether the benefits of marriage should be given to homosexual couples.

A **YES** on the Advisory Vote does not change state law – it simply asks the Legislature to let the people decide, rather than un-elected judges. In contrast, a NO vote means that five unelected lawyers on the Alaska Supreme Court will decide this issue for the rest of us.

In 1998, almost 70 percent of Alaska voters approved a constitutional amendment to affirm that marriage is a union of one man and one woman. Alaska was the first state to pass such an amendment, and now 26 other states have followed our lead.

However, in October 2005 the justices of the Supreme Court flagrantly disregarded Alaska's marriage amendment. The Court ordered state and municipal governments to provide homosexual partners of state employees and retirees with health insurance and other benefits that were granted to the spouses of married employees.

By doing so, the court has given homosexuals a special legal status by providing the benefits of marriage without calling it "marriage."

Is this what nearly 153,000 Alaskans meant when they approved the marriage amendment – that we should create "de facto" homosexual marriage, but just give it a different name? The people of Alaska should be given the opportunity to answer that question.

The court's decision is also troubling because it discriminates: benefits must be given to homosexual partners of state employees and retirees, but not to the heterosexual partners.

For the first time in the history of Alaska, a public benefit is awarded to certain persons based solely on the fact that they are living a homosexual lifestyle.

How long will it be before unmarried public employees with heterosexual partners demand the same type of benefits? On what grounds will they be refused? For that matter, why is any sexual relationship required? Why can't a public employee designate an elderly parent, or even a roommate, to receive all the benefits that the married spouses of public employees receive?

Following the logic of the Alaska Supreme Court ruling, at some point in time, private employers will also be required to provide benefits to the same-sex partners of their employees. An employer offering these benefits at their discretion is one thing. Being required to do so is an entirely different matter.

A **YES** on the Advisory Vote tells the Legislature to "let the people decide" what conditions are appropriate for issuing public benefits.

A **YES** on the Advisory Vote is the first step Alaskan voters can take to reclaim authority on this issue, and undo the mistakes of activist judges.

Senator Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature

Representative John Coghill
Alaska State Legislature

Loren Leman
Former Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska

SPECIAL ADVISORY VOTE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND SAME-SEX PARTNERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREES

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION

All Alaskans deserve equal pay for equal work. In October of 2005, the Alaska Supreme Court unanimously confirmed that all public employees are promised equal pay and employment benefits under Alaska's constitution. The Court required the State to offer family health insurance to all public employees. The measure you are voting on today urges the Legislature to offer an amendment to Alaska's Constitution. The amendment would prohibit state and local governments from offering family health and retirement benefits to some of their workers. This is not the time, nor is there ever a time, to take health care benefits away from hardworking Alaskan families. The Legislature has important business ahead such as a gas line that will benefit all Alaskans. We should not be asking the Legislature to spend their limited session time trying to deny benefits to any hard-working Alaskan families.

Our state constitution is considered one of the best in the nation, and it exists to protect everyone. We do not need to clutter up our state constitution with amendments that deny equality to any group of Alaskans. We have never done this before, and we should not start now. Alaskan employers need all of the tools at their disposal to hire the best doctors, first responders, health care workers, and teachers. The proposed amendment would limit the ability of employers to negotiate effectively to hire the best employees. We urge you to vote NO.

Health care is vitally important to all Alaskans. The proposed constitutional amendment would strip families of health insurance benefits that they depend on. In a time when the State is struggling to make sure more people, not fewer, can get health insurance coverage, this is a step in the wrong direction. The question you must answer is: should public employees get equal pay for equal work, including family

health benefits? If you believe in equal pay for equal work you must vote NO on this measure. Protect our constitution, and protect all Alaskan families:

Please vote NO.

Allison Mendel

Arliss Sturgulewski
Former Alaska State Senator

Clark Gruening

Alaska Division of Elections

ELECTION SECURITY MEASURES

The Alaska Division of Elections is dedicated to the security and accuracy of the election process. The Division recognizes that any election system is susceptible to fraud if security measures are not in place. Alaska has extensive procedures, including multiple layers of security that includes a combination of people, processes, and technologies that help us conduct secure, trustworthy, and accurate elections.

Below is a brief outline of the security measures in place for Alaska elections:

- All optical scan and touch screen voting units go through extensive functionality testing prior to being used in an election. If a voting unit is not functioning correctly, it is not used in an election.
- Voting unit memory cards, which hold the election results for votes cast on that voting unit, for both the optical scan and touch screen machines are programmed “in-house” by the Division of Elections using a stand-alone computer. At no time during the programming or testing of the optical scan or touch screen memory cards is the stand-alone computer or voting units connected to the internet or LAN.
- Memory cards are then tested by a bipartisan State Review Board to verify the programming of the cards is accurate.
- The tested, certified memory cards are shipped to the appropriate regional election supervisor where a separate bipartisan Regional Accu-Vote Review Board again tests the memory cards and verifies that the results match those results certified by the State Review Board. The Board places the memory card in election mode and seals it in the optical scan and touch screen voting units.
- On election morning, a bipartisan precinct election board prints a *zero totals report* on the optical scan and touch screen machines before opening the polls to verify that no votes have been cast on the voting unit. The *zero totals report* is secured inside the Accu-Vote unit and later verified following the election when the bipartisan State Review Board completes its canvass of election results.

Alaska Division of Elections

ELECTION SECURITY MEASURES

- In elections where there is a federal race appearing on the ballot, a touch screen voting machine, equipped with a voter verifiable paper trail, is available in every precinct. The voter has the ability to review the paper ballot print-out, or hear the ballot read back to the voter via headset, to determine its accuracy prior to the ballot being cast on the touch screen machine.
- Once the polls have closed, the election board then prints a *results report* on each machine before transmitting the results electronically via a telephone line or calling in the results to the appropriate Division of Elections regional office. This report shows how many votes were cast for each candidate and ballot measure. These reports are printed from the voting units before they are ever connected to upload results so that the State Review Board can verify election results transmitted correctly when the Board conducts its canvass.
- Before certifying the election, the bipartisan State Review Board conducts a thorough review of each precinct's materials from every polling place to verify election results were reported accurately.
- The State Review Board also conducts a hand count of all ballots in one precinct in each of the 40 House Districts. If the results of the hand count are off by more than 1% between the results of the hand count and the count reported for that precinct, the entire House District is recounted by hand.
- Once the State Review Board has completed its review and is confident that the results are accurate, the election is certified.



**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

STATE OF ALASKA

Division of Elections
P.O. Box 110017
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0017



**TO LOCATE YOUR POLLING PLACE CALL: 1-888-383-8683
In Anchorage: 907-269-8683**

R E G I O N A L E L E C T I O N S O F F I C E S

**Region I Elections Office
(House Districts 1-5, 33-36)**

9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 3
P.O. Box 110018
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0018
Phone: (907) 465-3021

Kenai Elections Office

11312 Kenai Spur Highway, Suite 45
Kenai, Alaska 99611
Phone: (907) 283-3805

**Region III Elections Office
(House Districts 6-12)**

675 7th Avenue, Suite H-3
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-4594
Phone: (907) 451-2835

**Region II Elections Office
(House Districts 13-32)**

2525 Gambell Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2838
Phone: (907) 522-8683

Matanuska-Susitna Elections Office

North Fork Professional Building
1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite B102
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
Phone: (907) 373-8952

**Region IV Elections Office
(House Districts 37-40)**

Alaska State Office Building
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