

# Ballot Measure No. 2

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## An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections

### STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on Ballot Measure 2 to protect Alaskans' freedom to choose any candidate they want in every election. That's because elections should be about voting for the best candidate, regardless of their party label: Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or independent. Voting No on Ballot Measure 2 keeps it that way.

We need to ensure every Alaskan's voice is heard at every step of the process. This includes the more than 60% of Alaskans who are not affiliated with any political party. It's why we are asking you to vote No on Ballot Measure 2.

Voting No will:

- Keep the power in the hands of voters, not political elites or outside interests.
- Preserve open primaries to ensure Alaskans have the freedom to vote for the best candidate on the ballot— regardless of their party affiliation.
- Ensure candidates have broad support and listen to all of their constituents, not just a select few.

On the other hand, a Yes vote on Ballot Measure 2 will:

- Take power away from the voters and return power to party elites and special interests.
- Allow political parties to shut out the 60% of Alaskans who are not registered with a political party by closing primaries.
- Cost the state an additional \$3 million to go back to a flawed system.

Don't believe half-truths and misinformation about our current election system. Here are the facts:

- Our current system was used for the first time in 2022, a year that involved new district maps, two special elections (related to replacement of our late Congressman Don Young), and a need to inform the Alaska electorate about the system. Together they account for a high one-time cost that won't be repeated.
- Despite a special election and a new voting system, 99% of ballots were valid - voters understood the system.
- We saw more competition than in past elections: more candidates overall, and more diverse candidates - more women, more racial diversity, and more political diversity.

Alaskan voters passed these pro-voter reforms in 2020. We have already approved this system and we have benefitted from it. Voting No on Ballot Measure 2 will keep the power in voters' hands. Voting yes will take that power away again and give it back to political elites, special interests, and outside interests. Don't let them win.

Vote No on Ballot Measure 2 to keep the power and freedom where it belongs – in the hands of the voters.

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