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## REGISTERING TO VOTE

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### 1. STATUS: Am I registered to vote?

You can determine whether a voter is registered to vote at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>.

### 2. HOW: How do I register to vote? What if I don't have access to a computer and/or printer?

You may register online at <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/> or obtain a paper form from the same website, which can be mailed to a Regional Elections Office listed below.<sup>i</sup>

You may register in-person at any Regional Election Office listed below:

Region I Elections Office  
9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 3  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-7136

Region II Elections Office  
2525 Gambell Street, Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK 99503-2838

Region II Elections Office  
Matanuska-Susitna Elections Office  
North Fork Professional Building  
1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite B 102  
Wasilla, AK 99654

Region III Elections Office  
675 7th Avenue, Suite H3  
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4542

Region IV Elections Office  
Sitnasuak Building  
214 Front Street, Suite 130  
Nome, AK 99762

You may also register at any Division of Motor Vehicle office, a city or borough clerk's office, participating public libraries, tribal government offices, or any of several other public offices. See <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/wheretoregister.php>.

Note that you may have already been automatically registered to vote if you applied for a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) in 2018.<sup>ii</sup> Accordingly, you should check if you are registered at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov> or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE if you applied for a PFD.

### 3. IDENTIFICATION: What ID is required to register to vote?

### 4. DEADLINES: When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?

*[drafting note: If this state has same day voter register, make sure to add that her and note to see Question 5.]*

[drafting note: Note if date is a temporary change due to COVID]

- 5. **SAME DAY: Does my state have Same Day Registration (i.e. I can register to vote the same day I vote)? If so, what is the process?**
- 6. **PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?**

Refer to the table below. The answer to this question depends on whether the voter moved within the same county/election jurisdiction or moved to a new county.

<b>Moved within the same precinct</b>	<b>Moved to a different precinct but within the same county</b>	<b>Moved to a different election jurisdiction (typically county)<sup>iii</sup></b>	<b>Moved from a different state</b>
<p>You should go to the appropriate polling place for that precinct. If the voter registration list still lists your old address, you will be asked to update your registration. If the updated address is within the precinct, you must be permitted to vote. However, you will be required to vote a questioned ballot so election officials can capture your new address to update the voter registration database.</p>	<p>If you moved to a different precinct and did not obtain a transfer of your registration 30 days or more before Election Day, you should vote a questioned ballot in the precinct where you reside.<sup>iv</sup></p>	<p>If you moved to a different House District and did not obtain a transfer of registration 30 days or more before Election Day, you should vote a questioned ballot where you reside. However, if you moved from one House District to another, you must reside in the new House District for at least 30 days in order to vote there. If you have not resided in the new district for at least 30 days, then you are qualified to vote by absentee ballot in the house district in which you formerly resided if you lived in that House District for at least 30 days before changing residence. In such a case, you may vote only for (1) statewide ballot measures and questions; (2) candidates for federal or statewide offices; (3) candidates for the state senate if your current and former residence are in the same senate district; and (4) candidates for judicial retention if your current and former residence are in the same judicial district.<sup>v</sup></p>	<p>If you move from a different state to Alaska, the residence you claim as your home and the location where you intend to remain will be considered your place of residence.<sup>vi</sup> The registration of otherwise qualified persons shall be permitted without regard to a durational residency requirement.<sup>vii</sup></p>

**7. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily due to Covid-19 or some other reason. Where can I vote?**

You can vote where you have your place of residence; the residence you claim as your home and the location where you intend to remain. A temporary move does not change your place of residence.<sup>viii</sup>

**8. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?**

College students may register and vote where they go to school or where they are taking classes remotely provided that they consider that location their residence. A voter's residence is the residence the student claims as her/his home and the location where he/she intends to remain. Students must be held to the same eligibility requirements as any other voter in the jurisdiction.<sup>ix</sup>

**9. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or am serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?**

**Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot**

If you want to apply for an absentee ballot and need to initially register to vote or update your registration voter record, you may use an Absentee Ballot Application to register to vote or update your record while simultaneously applying for a ballot.

You can vote absentee by requesting an absentee ballot by completing the Absentee Ballot Application and submitting it by mail, fax or email. See <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/militaryandoverseasvoters.php> for information on how to submit the Absentee Ballot Application. If you are a qualified registered voter and do not have any changes to your registration record, the by-mail application must be received by the Division of Elections 10 days before an election day (or if you use online delivery or by-fax methods, your completed application must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time the day prior to an election day). If you need to initially register to vote or need to update your residence address, name or party affiliation, the application must be received or postmarked 30 days before an election day. The Election Division will send you a ballot package.

You must provide an Alaska residence address. You may maintain your Alaska residence address as it currently appears on your voting record or the address you resided at prior to leaving Alaska. When providing a residence address, it must be within Alaska. When initially registering to vote from outside the state of Alaska, you must provide proof of Alaska residency by submitting a copy of one of the following documents with your absentee ballot application:

- current and valid photo identification;
- driver's license;
- passport;
- state identification card;
- birth certificate; or
- hunting or fishing license

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### **Receiving an Absentee Ballot**

Once you receive an absentee ballot and complete it, you must return it by mail to the Absentee and Petition Office, at 2525 Gambell Street, Suite 105, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2838. The absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before an election day. If using the by-fax option, the absentee ballot and Voter Certificate and Identification sheet must be received on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on an election day.

### **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (“FWAB”) is an alternative ballot for overseas and uniformed service voters who have applied for a state ballot to be sent to them but have not received the ballot. The FWAB is a blank ballot that allows you to write in your choices. If all three of the below statements are true, you are eligible to use the FWAB:

- You are an overseas voter or an active military member, merchant marine, eligible spouse or dependent.
- You sent in a registration/ballot request to receive a by-mail ballot by your state deadline.
- Your by-mail ballot has not yet arrived.

You can obtain a FWAB at <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/home.htm> or <https://www.fvap.gov/>.

### **10. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?**

Alaska law does not permit a person to vote if she/he has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or is on probation (parole) for the same crime, unless he/she has been unconditionally discharged from custody and no longer on parole or probation for that conviction.

If you are no longer serving a sentence and have been unconditionally discharged from supervision by the Department of Corrections, you can register to vote in Alaska. The Division of Elections must receive proof of your unconditional discharge from the supervising entity. If you do not have a letter or discharge papers, please contact your probation or parole office to obtain one and submit it to the Division of Elections.<sup>x</sup>

### **11. INCARCERATED: I am currently in jail. Can I vote?**

Alaska law is not clear about whether people incarcerated for non-felonies can vote. Contact the Alaska Division of Elections at (907) 465-4611.

### **12. NOT ON ROLLS AT POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place and am not on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?**

A voter that does not appear on the official registration list shall be allowed to cast a questioned ballot. Such a voter will be given written information stating how the voter may later determine whether his/her questioned ballot was counted and if not counted, the reason it was not counted.<sup>xi</sup>

**13. THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED: My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. Could it have been removed? What do I do?**

A voter's name can only be removed from the list of registered voters by her/his written request, conviction of a felony, death, or in connection with a voter registration list maintenance program.

Any voter whose name was removed from the voter registration list on the basis of a determination of ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must again register to vote.

Note that you can take steps to help to determine why a voter's name is not showing up on the list of registered voters:

- Check the voter's registration status using the registration lookup tool to make sure he/she is registered to vote and at the right place. (see [Question 1](#))
- Has the voter moved recently? Could he/she be registered at an old address? Check that address in the registration lookup tool. (see [Question 1](#))
- Has the voter changed her name recently, or could he/she be registered under a different name? Check that name (and any variations of the voter's name, especially for hyphenated names, which sometimes trip up databases) in the registration lookup tool. (see [Question 1](#))
- When/where did the voter register to vote? Was that before the deadline?

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## HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

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**14. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)? When is it?**

Alaska permits early and in-person absentee voting.

Most early voting or in person locations open beginning 15 days (i.e. Monday, October 19, 2020 for the 2020 General Election) prior to each Election Day and remain open through Election Day. Early voting and in-person absentee voting locations are listed at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php>. Please check that page for updates on dates and hours.

**15. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?**

Alaska is a no excuse absentee voting state. Any qualified voter registered in Alaska may vote using the early and in person absentee voting options.

**16. WHEN: When do the polls open/close during early voting?**

Most early voting locations open beginning 15 days prior to each Election Day and remain open through Election Day. (see Question 14). For locations, dates and hours, visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php>.

**17. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?**

Links to the early and in person absentee voting locations will be posted approximately one month prior to an election. Please see <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php> for updates. (see Question 14; Question 16)

**18. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? Can I vote without providing identification?**

In some circumstances, if the election official knows the identity of the voter, he/she may waive the identification requirement. The identification requirement may not be waived for voters who are first-time voters who initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission and did not provide identification. If the identification requirement is not waived, a registered voter without identification must be allowed to vote a questioned ballot. (see Question 12; Question 36; Question 46) **Any** of the following forms of voter identification can be used by the voter to verify their identity:

- An official voter registration card;
- A driver's license;
- A state identification card;
- A current and valid photo identification;
- A birth certificate;
- A passport;
- A hunting or fishing license; or
- A current original or copy of one of the following items, which must show the name and current address of the voter:
  - A utility bill;
  - A bank statement;
  - A paycheck;
  - A government check;

Or another government document.

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## HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE AND/OR VOTE BY MAIL

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**19. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot or will my state mail me one automatically? How do I request one?**

**By-Mail Delivery:**

You requesting an absentee by-mail ballot by completing the form here, <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C06C.pdf>, and sending it to the Absentee and Petition Office, at 2525 Gambell Street, Suite 105, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2838, by fax ((907) 677-9943; or (855) 677-9943 (toll-free within the U.S. only)) or by email to [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov) (attached as a PDF, TIFF or JPEG file).

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Voters can also use the Online Ballot Application, <https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/>, but must have a valid Alaska Driver's License or State ID to use this option. If a voter does not have a computer, they can contact the Division of Elections at 907-465-4611 or 1-866-952-8683 to request a paper application.

**By-Fax Delivery:**

Voters can request an absentee ballot to be returned by fax using the same methods for requesting an absentee ballot to be returned by mail.

**By Online Delivery (Electronic Transmission):**

You can request an absentee ballot to be submitted electronically. The Electronic Transmission Absentee Ballot Application will be posted to <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbyonline.php> for the November General Election at 8:00 a.m. on October 19, 2020.

**Automatic Delivery:**

Alaska Division of Elections will automatically send absentee ballot applications only to those registered voters 65 and older. This by the State of Alaska is currently challenged in court and litigation is not yet resolved.<sup>xii</sup> You can check the status of your application and the status of your ballot at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>. (see Question 1)

**20. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?**

**By-Mail Delivery:**

Voters can apply beginning January 1st of each year. If you are a qualified registered voter and do not have any changes to your registration record, the application for a by-mail ballot must be received by the Division of Elections **10 days before an election day** (*i.e.*, October 24, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).

If you need to initially register to vote or need to update your residence address, name or party affiliation, the application must be received or postmarked **30 days before an election day** (*i.e.*, October 4, 2020 for the 2020 General Election). In a presidential election, you may register to vote and participate in the presidential race so long as your completed application and any supporting documentation is received **10 days before an election day** (*i.e.*, October 24, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).

**By-Fax Ballot Delivery:**

You may apply for a by-fax delivery ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election beginning 15 days prior to each election (*i.e.*, Monday, October 19, 2020 for the 2020 General Election). Applications requesting a by-fax ballot for the November 3, 2020 election must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Monday, November 2, 2020.

**Online Ballot Delivery (Absentee by Electronic Transmission)**

You may apply for an online delivery ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election beginning 15 days prior to each election (*i.e.*, Monday, October 19, 2020 for the 2020 General Election). The deadline to receive absentee electronic transmission ballot applications is 5:00 pm Alaska Standard Time on Monday, November 2, 2020 for the 2020 General Election.

**21. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and/or how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?**

See question 19.

**22. DIDN'T REQUEST IN TIME: What if I have not requested an absentee ballot by the deadline?**

You can vote early or absentee in person.

Early voting is similar to when you go vote at your polling place on Election Day. At the time you vote your eligibility to vote in that election is verified by the absentee voting official. The official will look up your name in the voter registration database and will verify that your registration is active and current.

If your registration is active and current, the official will print off a voter certificate with your information that you will sign. You will then be given a ballot to vote that is dropped into a ballot box after voting.

When voting absentee in-person, your eligibility to vote in the election is verified after voting. You will be asked to complete an outer envelope with your information and after voting your ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then sealed and secured inside the envelope. Your voted ballot will be returned to your regional elections office and your eligibility to vote in the election is verified by a bi-partisan review board. Your information provided on the outside of the envelope will be used to update your registration information (if applicable) or register you to vote.

**23. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a specific reason for requesting to vote by absentee ballot?**

Any qualified voter registered in Alaska may vote absentee. Alaska is a no excuse absentee voting state.<sup>xiii</sup>

The Division of Election will automatically send absentee ballots to registered voters 65 or older. This decision by the State of Alaska is currently challenged in court and litigation is not yet resolved. (see Question 19)

**24. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or absentee ballot?**

Check the status of your absentee by-mail application and ballot at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>. (see Question 1)

**25. APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?**

Contact the Division of Elections at 907-465-4611, 1-866-952-8683, 907-270-2700 or 1-877-375-6508. Toll free numbers are within the U.S. Or, email [elections@alaska.gov](mailto:elections@alaska.gov) or [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov)

**26. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot? Are there any identification requirements?**

Instructions and requirements differ for each type of absentee ballot. (See questions 19 and 22).

**In-Person Absentee Voting:**

When voting absentee in-person, the voter's eligibility to vote in the election is verified after voting. The voter will be asked to complete an outer envelope with the voter's information and after voting the voter's ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then sealed and secured inside the envelope. The voted ballot will be returned to the voter's regional elections office and the voter's eligibility to vote in the election is verified by a bi-partisan review board. The voter's information provided on the outside of the envelope will be used to update the voter's registration information (if applicable) or register the voter to vote.

**By-Mail Ballot Delivery:**

The Election Division will send you a ballot package approximately 25 days prior to the General Election. After you complete the ballot package, you must return it by mail postmarked on or before an election day, and it must be received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).

Voted absentee by-mail ballots can be delivered to any Division of Elections office or any voting location. For the November 3, 2020 election, ballots drop-boxes are available at the following locations:

**Anchorage, AK**

- Region II Elections Office, 2525 Gambell Street
- City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
- O'Malley's on the Green, 3651 O'Malley Road
- Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive
- Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw St - Access from Mt. View Drive

**Chugiak/Eagle River**

- Eagle River Alaska Club, 12001 Business Blvd

**Fairbanks, AK**

- 675 7th Avenue

**Juneau, AK**

- Region I Elections Office, 9109 Mendenhall Mall Rd

**Palmer, AK**

- Mat-Su Borough, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue

**Soldotna, AK**

- Kenai Peninsula Borough, 144 N. Binkley Street

**Wasilla, AK**

- Mat-Su Elections Office, 1700 E. Bogard Road

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**By-Fax Ballot Delivery:**

You will be faxed a ballot, a Voter Certificate and Identification sheet and instructions. Complete the ballot package and return the ballot by mail or fax.

- By Mail: You will be provided with instructions and address information to return your voted ballot and completed Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet. The return ballot must be postmarked on or before an election day and received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).
- By Fax: You will be provided with instructions and a return fax number to return your voted ballot and Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet. BOTH Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet and the ballot must be received on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day. When returning a ballot by fax, you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot and are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur.

**Online Ballot Delivery:**

You will be emailed a notification of ballot availability and instructions. Open the link to the website that will be provided in your email and follow the instructions provided in the email. In addition, the system instructions will guide you through the online system. You should log into the online system and vote your ballot by selecting the choices on the computer screen. At the end of voting, you will be prompted by your computer to download the voted ballot. After opening, you will print your ballot, and choose the method by which to return the ballot. Upon selecting, you will be prompted to download a PDF file of your Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet and other voting materials to be used to return your ballot. Sign the Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet in the presence of your witness and provide at least one identifier. You may return the ballot by mail or by fax.

- By Mail: Print the foldable secrecy sleeve, your ballot and the return mailing envelope provided in the PDF file. The return ballot envelope must be postmarked on or before an election day and received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).
- By Fax: You will print the fax instructions provided in your PDF file to follow to return your ballot by fax. BOTH Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet and the ballot must be received on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day. When returning a ballot by fax, you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot and are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur.

**27. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?**

If a voter improperly marks, damages, or otherwise spoils a ballot, the voter may request and the election board shall provide another ballot, with a maximum of three. The board shall record on the precinct register that there was a spoiled ballot and destroy the spoiled ballot immediately without examining it.<sup>xiv</sup>

You can also call the Voter Hotline at (907) 243-VOTE (8683) to request a replacement ballot package.

**28. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it?  
Can I do anything?**

If you do not receive your absentee ballot, contact the Absentee and Petition Office at 907-270-2700 or Toll-Free at 1-877-375-6508. Or send a fax to (907) 677-9943 or (907) 270-2780 or Toll-Free Fax: (855) 677-9943. Toll free numbers are within the U.S. Or, email [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov).

**29. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?**

As long as you have NOT already submitted the absentee ballot, and you are otherwise qualified, you should be allowed to vote in person. You should bring your absentee ballot with you to the polls so it can be voided. If you do not have the absentee ballot to give back, you may be asked to vote a questioned ballot.<sup>xv</sup> For additional information on absentee ballots please contact the Absentee and Petition Office at <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/contacttheabsenteeandpetitionoffice.php>.

**30. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?**

**Absentee In-Person:**

You can vote absentee in-person beginning 15 days before an election day at locations listed at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php>.

**By-Mail Ballot Delivery:**

Absentee by-mail ballots must be returned by mail postmarked on or before an election day and received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).

Voted absentee by-mail ballots can be delivered to any Division of Elections office or any voting location. For the November 3, 2020 election, ballots drop-boxes are available at the following locations:

Anchorage, AK

- Region II Elections Office, 2525 Gambell Street
- City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
- O'Malley's on the Green, 3651 O'Malley Road
- Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive
- Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw St - Access from Mt. View Drive

Chugiak/Eagle River

- Eagle River Alaska Club, 12001 Business Blvd

Fairbanks, AK

- 675 7th Avenue

Juneau, AK

- Region I Elections Office, 9109 Mendenhall Mall Rd

Palmer, AK

- Mat-Su Borough, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue

Soldotna, AK

- Kenai Peninsula Borough, 144 N. Binkley Street

Wasilla, AK

- Mat-Su Elections Office, 1700 E. Bogard Road

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**By-Fax Ballot Delivery:**

Ballots received by fax may be returned by mail or fax.

- **By Mail:** You will be provided with instructions and address information to return your voted ballot and completed Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet. The return ballot must be postmarked **on or before an election day and received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).**
- **By Fax:** You will be provided with instructions and a return fax number to return your voted ballot and Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet. BOTH Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet and the ballot must be **received on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day.** When returning a ballot by fax, you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot and are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur.

**Online Ballot Delivery**

Online delivered ballots may be returned by mail or by fax.

- **By Mail:** Print the foldable secrecy sleeve, your ballot and the return mailing envelope provided in the PDF file. The return ballot envelope must be postmarked **on or before an election day and received by the Division of Elections within 10 days after election day (i.e., by November 13, 2020 for the 2020 General Election).**
- **By Fax:** You will print the fax instructions provided in your PDF file to follow to return your ballot by fax. BOTH Voter Certificate and Identification Sheet and the ballot must be **received on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day.** When returning a ballot by fax, you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot and are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur.

**31. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a completed ballot (instead of mailing it)?**

SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Anchorage, AK

- Region II Elections Office, 2525 Gambell Street
- City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue
- O'Malley's on the Green, 3651 O'Malley Road
- Begich Middle School, 7440 Creekside Center Drive
- Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw St - Access from Mt. View Drive

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- Kenai Peninsula Borough, 144 N. Binkley Street

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- Mat-Su Elections Office, 1700 E. Bogard Road

**32. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone drop off my completed ballot for me?**

If you are unable to vote in person because of age, illness or a disability, you may have someone pick up and deliver a ballot to you. This person is called a personal representative. Your personal representative will return your voted ballot back to a voting location on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day. See <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/specialneedsvoting.php> for more information on special needs voting.

**33. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee?**

In-person absentee voting is available at locations listed at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php>. (see Questions 14, 16, 17, 30)

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## HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

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**34. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day? What if the polls are closing but I'm in line?**

The polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time on Election Day. On the day of any election that is not a general election, a primary election, a special election, or a federal election the polls may open as late as 8:00 a.m.

Every qualified voter still in line by the time the polls closed may vote.<sup>xvi</sup>

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

**35. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?**

To locate your polling place outside Anchorage call 1-888-383-8683, or in Anchorage call 907-269-8683, or you may look up your voting record to obtain your polling place location using the Voter Search online option at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>, or you may view a list of polling place locations using the Polling Place Look-up Tools at <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/pollingplacelocations.php> and <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/listofpollingplacelocations.php>

The Division of Elections has a TTY telecommunications device that allows hearing impaired voters to obtain general information about elections by calling 907-465-3020. Voters with disabilities may also obtain assistance at <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/disabledvoterassistance.php>.

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If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to [Questions #6 and 7](#).

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should be advised to check the polling place listed on the Voter Notification Card they received from the local election authority a few days before the election.

### **36. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote on Election Day? Can I vote without providing identification?**

In some circumstances, if the election official knows the identity of the voter, he/she may waive the identification requirement. The identification requirement may not be waived for voters who are first-time voters who initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission and did not provide identification. If the identification requirement is not waived, a registered voter without identification must be allowed to vote a questioned ballot.<sup>xvii</sup>

**Any** of the following forms of voter identification can be chosen by the voter:

- An official voter registration card;
- A driver's license;
- A state identification card;
- A current and valid photo identification;
- A birth certificate;
- A passport;
- A hunting or fishing license; or
- A current original or copy of one of the following items, which must show the name and current address of the voter:
  - A utility bill;
  - A bank statement;
  - A paycheck;
  - A government check;

Or another government document.

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## **POLLING PLACE ISSUES**

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### **37. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What do I do?**

You can contact the Alaska Division of Elections by calling: (907) 465-4611, Toll-Free (866) 952-8683 (within the U.S.), or TTY: (907) 465-3020.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of a polling place not opening on time or is closed, notify your hotline captain immediately.



**38. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What do I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?**

See Question 34 for answer if voter is in line when polls are closing.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of long lines, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**39. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?**

Voters should immediately notify the election officers if the voting equipment breaks down. If the problem cannot be fixed in a timely manner, a voter should ask if an emergency paper ballot is available.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**40. NO PPE/COVID: What if my polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions or has run out of supplies?**

You can contact the Alaska Division of Elections by calling: (907) 465-4611, Toll-Free (866) 952-8683 (within the U.S.), or TTY: (907) 465-3020.

**41. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?**

Yes. A voter needing assistance to vote at a polling place may request assistance from an election official or a person of his/her choice as long as that person is not a candidate, the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer, or agent of the voter's union.

**42. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?**

Yes. All polling places in Alaska should be accessible to people with disabilities. Additionally, there should be voting equipment at every polling place to accommodate voters with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, so that they may vote without assistance. A person who is unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to him/her beginning 15 days before an election at any absentee early and in-person voting location, or, a personal representative may pick up a special needs ballot on Election Day at the voter's polling place. For more information on special needs voting, see <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/specialneedsvoting.php>.

**43. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, physically disabled, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?**

Yes. During elections with a federal race on the ballot, a touch screen voting unit will be in each polling place and at the Regional Election Offices absentee voting locations 15 days prior to an election for use by blind and disabled persons, voters with reading difficulties, or who require an audio ballot in the following languages: Yup'ik, Inupiaq/Iñupiaq, Koyukon, Gwich'in, Spanish, Tagalog. A voter needing assistance to vote at a polling place may request assistance from an election official or a person of his/her choice as long as that person is not a candidate, the voter's employer, agent of the voter's employer, or agent of the voter's union.

**44. CURBSIDE VOTING: When can I request curbside voting?**

Curbside voting is not available in Alaska. However, if you are unable to vote in person because of age, illness or a disability, you may have someone pick up and deliver a ballot to you. This person is called a personal representative. Your personal representative may pick up a ballot for you at any [absentee voting location](#) in your area starting 15 days before Election Day or at your [polling place](#). Your personal representative may assist you in any step of the voting process and can be anyone except a candidate for office in the election, your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. Your personal representative will complete step one of the special needs envelope with your name, their information and signature. The election worker will then give your personal representative the special needs envelope, a ballot and a secrecy sleeve to deliver to you to vote. You will vote your ballot, place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve and then secure it in the special needs envelope. You will complete step two of the special needs envelope with your information and your personal representative will be your witness to your signature. Your personal representative will return your voted ballot back to a voting location on or before 8:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Election Day.

**45. CAMPAIGNING: What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? Can people approach me?**

Campaigning is prohibited within 200 feet of any entrance into the voting area, and this includes any discussions of candidates or issues that appear on the ballot or displaying campaign signs, bumper stickers or wearing campaign buttons.<sup>xviii</sup> Exit polling is allowed just outside the entrance of the polling place area. The 200 feet campaigning rule does not apply to exit polling. Exit pollsters may only approach voters who have already voted and wish to participate in the exit polling process.

Poll watchers are allowed at polling places. There can be only one poll watcher representing each political party, organized group or candidate not representing a political party in the polling place at a time. Poll watchers must have an identification badge visible and attached to their person at all times. Poll watchers may have a complete view of the election process and may stand close enough to hear and record the name of a person voting. Poll watchers must remain at a distance far enough away from the voting machines and booths to ensure privacy and they may not handle any voting materials or sit behind the election worker table. Poll watchers may challenge a voter's qualifications. If a poll watcher challenges a voter, the voter must vote a questioned ballot.<sup>xix</sup>

**46. CHALLENGES: Someone is formally challenging my vote. What do I do?**

If a person at the polling place has good reason to suspect that you are not qualified to vote, are disqualified, or have voted at the same election, he/she may formally challenge in writing your right to vote. If this happens, you must receive a questioned ballot. You will receive a Notice to Questioned Ballot Voter and will be asked to sign the questioned register. You will complete the white portion of the questioned ballot envelope (the election worker completing the gray portion). The election worker will then give you a ballot, a grey secrecy sleeve, and the completed ballot envelope. After you have completed the ballot, you will place the ballot inside the gray secrecy sleeve, then place the secrecy sleeve inside the questioned ballot envelope and seal the envelope. You will then place the envelope into the ballot box.

Questioned ballots are sent to the regional election office for verification of eligibility before being counted. 60 days after certification of the results of a general election, you will be notified by mail if your questioned ballot was rejected.<sup>xx</sup>

**47. POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE: There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What do I do?**

Voter intimidation is rare and unlikely. But if someone is attempting to interfere with your or anyone's right to vote, it may be voter intimidation and a violation of federal law.

Police are allowed inside the polling place. If you are feeling intimidated or harassed, you can report it to the police. Police, like everyone, are subject to laws against voter intimidation. Federal laws prohibit the deployment of troops and armed agents to the polls.

If you are feeling intimidated or harassed, you can report it to the poll workers at your polling station. You can also call the Election Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE, U.S. Department of Justice Voting Rights Hotline: 800-253-3931, TTY line 877-267-8971, or contact the Alaska Division of Elections:

Phone: (907) 465-4611

Toll-Free: (866) 952-8683 (within the U.S.)

Fax: (907) 465-3203

TTY: (907) 465-3020

\*Note to hotline volunteer: If you learn of police/members of the military at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**48. PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?**

Inquire why the voter was offered a questioned ballot. Was it for one of the following reasons:

- The voter's name does not appear on the official registration list;
- The voter changed his/her name and has not timely reregistered under his/her new name;
- The voter does not have required identification when she/he arrives at the polls to vote;
- The voter requested an absentee ballot but decides to vote in person on Election Day and fails to bring the absentee ballot with him/her to be voided; or
- The voter has moved and has not timely updated his/her address or obtained a transfer of registration?

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Other than for these reasons, the voter should be able to cast a regular ballot. A questioned ballot should be the last resort. However, if the voter needs to cast a questioned ballot, the voter will sign a questioned ballot register and complete a questioned ballot envelope with his/her information.<sup>xxi</sup> (See Question 46).

If the voter casts a questioned ballot, remind her/him to ask the poll worker if any additional steps will be needed to make sure the ballot is counted.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of police/members of the military at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

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## QUESTIONS

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### **49. Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?**

You can contact the Alaska Division of Elections at:

Office Email Contact

Email: [elections@alaska.gov](mailto:elections@alaska.gov)

Director's Office Staff

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Administrative Officer

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Telephone Contact

Phone: (907) 465-4611

Toll-Free: (866) 952-8683

(within the U.S.)

Fax: (907) 465-3203

TTY: (907) 465-3020

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i <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/contactusandsitemap.php>.

ii <https://elections.alaska.gov/Core/PFD AVRindex.php>.

iv AS § 15.15.198.

v AS § 15.20.015.

vi AS § 15.05.020.

vii AS § 15.05.014.

viii AS § 15.05.020(4).

ix <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/collegevoters.php>.

x AS § 15.07.135(b).

xi AS § 15.15.198.

xii A challenge to the decision by the Lieutenant Governor and Division of Elections to proactively mail absentee ballot applications only to registered Alaska voters age 65 and older, while intentionally excluding all other registered Alaska voters, was denied by a federal district judge on September 3, 2020 . The judge’s decision has been appealed to in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Litigation is not yet resolved. Anchorage Superior Court Case No. 3AN-20-07060CI; Case No. 3:20-cv-00173-JMK.

xiii AS § 15.20.010.

xiv AS § 15.15.250.

xv AS § 15.15.210.

xvi AS § 15.15.320; <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/pollingplacelocations.php>.

xvii [AS 15.15.225](#).

xviii AS § 15.15.170; <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/B03.pdf>.

xix AS § 15.15.210; <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/B03.pdf>.

xx AS § 15.20.207; § 15.15.215; <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/B03.pdf>.

xxi <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingatthepollsonelectionday.php>.