

Frequently Asked Questions

Alaska – 2024 General Election

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REGISTERING TO VOTE

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Can I register to vote?

To register to vote, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States that is at least 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18th birthday; and
- Be an Alaska resident for at least 30 days before the election you want to vote in, and not be registered to vote in another state unless you are willing to cancel your registration in the other state.

NOTE: If residence is within the 30 day period before a presidential election, the voter can still register to vote but will only be able to vote for the presidential/vice presidential race.¹

¹ AS 15.05.012

- If a person is a convicted felon for a state or federal crime involving moral turpitude,² they must be unconditionally discharged from custody and no longer on parole or probation for that conviction.³

2. **PRIMARY ELECTION:** [Can I vote in the primary election? Do I need to be registered with a political party? Can I change my party registration to vote in another party’s primary election? When I voted, the poll worker asked my party affiliation. Are they allowed to do that?](#)

AK runs a “Top Four” primary election. Voters may cast a vote for one candidate in each race, regardless of the voter’s political affiliation, so no poll worker should ever ask a voter their party affiliation.

To vote in any election, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age (Can register 90 days before 18th birthday but must be 18 on Election Day);
- Have been a resident of Alaska and the house district in which you seek to vote for at least 30 days before the election (NOTE: if residence is within the 30 days, can still vote in presidential race⁴);
- Have registered to vote on or before the registration deadline; and
- Not be registered to vote in any other jurisdiction.

3. **STATUS:** [Am I registered to vote?](#)

If you have online access, you can confirm whether you are registered to vote at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> . If not, you can contact your local election office [Division Contact Information](#) .

If you had applied for a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD), you may have been automatically registered to vote.

4. **HOW:** [How do I register to vote? Can I register online? Do I need a printer? Can I register to vote in person?](#)

AK residents may register or update their registration *ONLINE, IN PERSON, OR BY MAIL:*

ONLINE: at <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>

IN PERSON: at your local Division of Elections office or any of the voter Registration Agencies listed below:

- Elections offices at [Division Contact Information](#) .
- [Office Locations, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration, State of Alaska](#)
- [DVR Offices](#) (Department of Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Participating Tribal government offices. Contact BIA offices for more information: Anchorage (800-645-8465), Fairbanks (800-822-3596), or Juneau (800-645-8397) Hours 8AM-4:30PM
- Legislative information offices [Legislative Information Office Directory](#)

² See list AS 15.80.010(10)

³ AS 12.55.185(18)

⁴ AS 15.05.012

- US Armed Services Voter Assistance Offices <https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices?state=2>
- Political Party Offices [Political Parties and Groups in Alaska](#)
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BY MAIL: If you have printer access, you can download registration form at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C03.pdf> . *This form may be returned via mail, fax, or email (as a PDF, TIFF, JPEG attachment)*. If you do not have printer access, you may contact your local elections office([Division Contact Information](#)) for further assistance.

Once a registration application has been received and processed, you will be sent a voter card in the mail (approximately 4-6 weeks).

5. **IDENTIFICATION:** What ID is required to register to vote?

For *ONLINE* registration, you must have a valid Alaska driver's license or state ID card, and the information you enter when registering must match the information on your DMV record.

For *IN PERSON* registration, you must present one of the following: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting/fishing license. A registration official who knows the identity of the applicant may waive the identification requirement.⁵ If the voter has any questions about the sufficiency of their identification, they should contact their local Division of Elections office ([Division Contact Information](#)) .

For *MAIL-IN* registration (including fax and email), the voter should provide their Social Security Number, Alaska Driver's License or State ID number on the mail-in form. If they do not have any of those, they can provide a copy of (if sent electronically, must be in the form of an attachment) of one of the following: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting or fishing license.⁶ If the voter has any questions about the sufficiency of their identification, they should contact their local Division of Elections office ([Division Contact Information](#)) .

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

- Online registration deadline: 30 days before Election Day
- Register by mail deadline: Must be postmarked 30 days before Election Day (if postmark is not legible, must be signed and dated 30 days before and received by 25 days prior to Election Day); fax and email must be received 30 days before Election Day.
- In person registration deadline: 30 days before Election Day

7. **SAME DAY:** Does my state have Same Day Registration? If so, what is the process?

Alaska law only allows for same day voter registration for the purposes of voting for President and Vice President of the United States.⁷ The voter will cast a questioned (provisional) ballot and do the

⁵ AS 15.07.060(c)

⁶ AS 15.07.060(e)

⁷ AS 15.05.012

registration part of the process by filling out the questioned ballot envelope.⁸ The ballot will not be counted until voter's information is reviewed and verified.

8. PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?

Yes. Regardless of whether the permanent move is within the same precinct or to an entirely different part of Alaska, a qualified voter will have two options to vote:

- *IN PERSON AT THE NEW LOCATION/POLLING PLACE:* The voter must be given a questioned (provisional) ballot.⁹ They must sign a questioned ballot register and complete a questioned ballot envelope with the updated address. The questioned ballot then goes to the Questioned Review Board (QRB), who will determine if the ballot can be counted and for which specific election races under the following conditions:
 - All statewide measures and questions, federal and state candidates for statewide offices and Presidential/Vice-Presidential election races will be counted.
 - State senate, house and judicial district election races will be counted ONLY IF the voter's permanent move is within the same state senate, house and judicial district where they were previously registered.
 - If the permanent move is to a different state senate, house or judicial district, then that particular election race WILL NOT be counted.¹⁰
- *VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:* The qualified voter can apply for an absentee ballot to be received by the Division of Elections 10 days before Election Day or by electronic request 5:00 PM the day before Election. They will need to provide their new address (See FAQ "[How to Vote: Absentee](#)" section for further information). If the permanent move has occurred after the 30 day registration deadline has passed, then the races on their absentee ballot will be counted under the same conditions as listed above.

9. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily. How can I vote?

The best option for a registered voter who maintains intent to remain an Alaska resident is to request an absentee ballot be sent to their temporary address (see FAQ Section "[How to Vote: Absentee](#)") so they can vote in all ballot races. They could also go vote at their temporary location, but they would be eligible only to vote according to the conditions stipulated in [FAQ #8](#).

10. 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?

If you have been residing at school for at least 30 days and meet the other eligibility requirements listed in [FAQ # 1](#), you can register or re-register to vote where you go to school. You must list your physical residence (ie dorm room) as your residential address, but you can use your mailbox # as your mailing address.¹¹

Remote student voters must use their actual physical residence for registration purposes.

⁸ AS 15.15.198(a)

⁹ AS 15.15.195

¹⁰ AS 15.20.015

¹¹ AS 15.07.064

AK students who are registered voters but live away from their home, either in-state or out-of-state, should apply to receive an *absentee ballot*. See FAQ section [“How to Vote: Absentee”](#) below.

Student voters may check the registration status, polling place and absentee ballot status at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> .

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

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- A military/overseas Alaska resident can register/update registration online at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> using their address prior to deployment/move* if they have an Alaska state ID/driver’s license; otherwise they must register using a paper form. The paper form can be filled out online(except for the signature) and then downloaded and printed [ALASKA - Online Voter Registration](#) **OR** the voter can download/print a form to fill out by hand at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C03.pdf>. They can then return the paper form by mail, email or fax to their local Division of Elections office ([Division Contact Information](#)) at least 30 days before Election Day.
- A military or overseas Alaska resident can simultaneously register and then apply for an absentee ballot by mail, fax or online. An online absentee ballot application (found at [Alaska Absentee Ballot Application – For Federal and State Elections](#)) can be filled out, downloaded, printed and THEN SIGNED BY THE VOTER (electronic signatures will NOT BE ACCEPTED). The application needs to be sent (either mail or electronically) to the Absentee and Petitions Office at the Division of Elections ([Division Contact Information](#)). If the absentee ballot application is being used for registration purposes, the voter will need to provide a copy (if mailed) or attachment (if sent electronically) of the following that demonstrates proof of Alaska residency: a state driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport or hunting or fishing license. The voter should contact their local Division of Elections office should they have any questions regarding sufficiency of ID ([Division Contact Information](#)).
- Alternatively, they may register and request an absentee ballot by using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at [Register and request your absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application](#). Information about the FPCA can be found at: <https://www.fvap.gov/guide/chapter2/alaska>. This form can be downloaded (and then printed) at <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca.pdf>.
- Alaska residents cannot use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration purposes.

Registration Deadline: 30 days prior to Election Day. If it is within the 30 day deadline, the military/overseas voter can still vote in the Presidential/Vice-Presidential election race.

*Active members of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marines, commissioned corps and spouses are exempt from the intent to return requirement.

VOTING:

- The voter can apply and request that their absentee ballot be delivered via mail, fax or online via email beginning JANUARY 1ST FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN THAT CALENDAR YEAR. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO SELECT THAT OPTION IF THEIR DEPLOYMENT PERIOD IS SUCH THAT THEY WILL NOT BE BACK FOR ANY ELECTIONS. For mail, see [Alaska Division of Elections - UOCAVA By Mail](#) ; by FAX, go to [Alaska Division of Elections - UOCAVA Fax Voting](#) ; via Online (to be downloaded), use [Alaska Division of Elections - UOCAVA Online](#).
- The voter should refer to the above websites for all information and read the instructions EXTREMELY CAREFULLY before marking and completing their ballot.
- The absentee ballot application by a REGISTERED Alaska voter must be received by the Division of Elections 10 days before Election Day, or can be requested up to 5:00 p.m. via fax or email the day before Election Day.
- **Absentee ballots must be returned either by mail or FAX.**
 - Mail address: Absentee and Petition Office, at 2525 Gambell Street, Suite 105, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2838. The absentee ballot must be postmarked by 8:00 p.m. Election Day.
 - If using FAX, the absentee ballot and Voter Certificate and Identification sheet must be received on or before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The voter should confirm with the Absentee and Petition office that the fax numbers are current prior to faxing their ballot ([Division Contact Information](#)).

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 yet received it. The FWAB is a blank ballot that allows you to write in your choices. If all three of the below statements are true, then 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 (and it is AFTER 5:00 p.m the day before Election Day).

–<https://www.fvap.gov/r3/fwab/classification>

12. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a felony criminal conviction. Can I register to vote? Does the type of conviction matter? Are there any restrictions after any misdemeanor convictions?

Check the resources at Campaign Legal [Restore Your Vote](#) for latest information.

The type of felony conviction determines a person’s eligibility to vote:

- If you are incarcerated or on probation or parole for a felony that is **not of moral turpitude**, you can register to vote if necessary and request an absentee ballot from office administrators at your complex.
- Alaska law does not permit a person to vote if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony **involving moral turpitude**¹² or are confined, on probation/parole for the same crime. If you have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude and then unconditionally discharged from custody, you need documentation of completion from your probation or parole officer and then re-apply to register to vote.¹³

¹² AS 15.80.010(10) (List of felonies “involving moral turpitude.”)

¹³ AS 15.05.030

Misdemeanors do not restrict your voting rights.¹⁴ If you are incarcerated for a misdemeanor, you should check voter registration status at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>, register to vote if necessary and then request an absentee ballot from office administrators at your complex.

13. INCARCERATED: I am currently incarcerated. Can I register to vote? Can I vote from jail?

Check the resources at Campaign Legal [Restore Your Vote](#) for latest information.

It depends. See [FAQ #12](#).

14. REGISTRATION CHALLENGED: My registration has been challenged, what should I do?

If your registration is rejected by an election official, the official must at the time of the refusal give you, in writing, the reason(s) for the refusal. You have the right to an immediate appeal to the area election supervisor either verbally or in writing. If you are still refused registration by an area election supervisor and wish to further appeal, you have the right to have the superior court of the judicial district review the decision and, as part of this process, the area election supervisor must file a petition for the review. If the petition is filed within 45 days before the date of a statewide election, the petition shall be given precedence over other matters pending before the court.¹⁵

Information the voter supplied when they registered as to age, citizenship, residence, and voter registration in another jurisdiction would be the basis for a registration challenge.¹⁶ If the issue is residence, the address of a voter as it appears on the official voter registration record is presumptive evidence of the person's voting residence.¹⁷

HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

15. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day?

Polls open from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM local time for all general, primary, special and federal elections. For all other elections, polling hours are 8:00AM-8:00PM.¹⁸ The Division of Elections website does note that information is subject to change, so voters should confirm any last minute changes at [Polling Place Locations – Division of Elections](#).

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

How to Find Your Polling Place:

- Use <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>.

¹⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/voting/file/1507306/download>

¹⁵ AS 15.07.150

¹⁶ AS 15.05.010;

¹⁷ AS 15.05.020(8)

¹⁸ AS 15.15.080

- Use [Polling Place Locations – Division of Elections](#).
- Use Precinct Look-up Tool [State of Alaska Division of Elections Precincts](#).

Contact your local Division of Elections office to confirm any last minute changes to your polling place location ([Division Contact Information](#)).

17. TIME OFF WORK: *Is my employer required to give me time off to vote? Is it paid or unpaid?*

Theoretically, an employer must give an employee “*sufficient time*” without loss of pay to vote. However, **PRACTICALLY** this will depend on the employee’s work shift: if the employee has two consecutive hours in which to vote, either between the opening of the polls and the beginning of the employee’s regular working shift or between the end of the regular working shift and the closing of the polls, the employee shall be considered to have “*sufficient time*” outside working hours within which to vote.¹⁹

18. CLOSING: *What if the polls close when I am already in line?*

If you are present and in line by 8:00 p.m., you must be allowed to vote.²⁰ DO NOT leave your place in line.

19. IDENTIFICATION: *What identification is required to vote?*

A voter must verify their identity by showing one of the following:

- official voter registration card, or
- driver’s license/state ID, or
- current and valid photo ID, or
- birth certificate, or
- US passport, or
- hunting/fishing license, or
- one of the following that shows the name and current address of the voter²¹:
 - an original or a copy of a current utility bill, or
 - bank statement, or
 - paycheck, or
 - government paycheck, or
 - other government document

An election official may waive the identification requirement if the election official knows the identity of the voter, but it may not be waived for voters who are first-time voters who initially registered by mail/fax/email.²²

The voter should contact their Division of Elections office if they have questions or concerns regarding the acceptability of their ID prior to going to vote. ([Division Contact Information](#))

20. NO IDENTIFICATION: *Can I vote without providing identification?*

¹⁹ AS 15.15.100

²⁰ AS 15.15.320

²¹ AS 15.15.225

²² AS 15.15.225

Identification is required to vote a regular ballot. Without identification, your only option is to vote a questioned (provisional) ballot.²³

21. NOT ON ROLLS AT MY POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place but am not showing up on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?

You can, but first you should check if you are at the correct location (See [FAQ #16](#) for location links), and if you are not, you can travel there before polls close. Also, if you have had a recent name change, you should ask the election officials to check the registration roll under your previous name to see if they can locate you. If you have not voted in the last two election cycles, you should have election officials check if you are on a registration purge list. If not, you can request a questioned (provisional) ballot, and the election officials MUST provide you with one.²⁴ They must also provide you with written information on how to ascertain whether your ballot was counted, and if it was not counted, indicate the reason why.

22. GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I have to vote provisionally, what does that mean?

It means that:

- you do not have ID, or
- your name does not appear on the precinct register at the polling place, or
- your address has changed and you did not update it, or
- you already voted, or
- an observer challenges your qualifications to vote

23. REQUESTING PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I am being told I can't vote. Can I vote provisionally?

Yes, you must be provided a questioned (provisional) ballot. See [FAQ #21](#).

24. PROVISIONAL BALLOT NEXT STEPS: I voted a provisional ballot, what now?

Your ballot envelope will be examined by the district questioned ballot counting board. It will determine whether you are qualified to vote in the election and in which races and whether the questioned ballot has been properly cast.

- Basis for improperly cast ballot: already voted, you did not sign the certificate of attestation on the envelope or show the requisite ID ([FAQ #19](#)) and you were not eligible for the identification waiver,²⁵ your identifiers that you provided can't be verified through state agency records (DOB, last #4 of your SSN, Alaska State DL/ID), OR
- Basis for Disqualification due to registration: canceled voter registration²⁶, age, citizenship, residency or being registered to vote in another jurisdiction²⁷, and have not completed your felony sentence involving moral turpitude.

The questioned ballot counting board has up to 16 days after an election to review your ballot. They must also provide you with written information on how to ascertain whether your ballot was counted, and if not counted, the reason as to why by 10 days after certification of a primary election or 30 days

²³ AS 15.15.225(c)

²⁴ AS 15.15.198

²⁵ AS 15.15.225(b); AS 15.20.207.

²⁶ AS 15.07.130

²⁷ AS 15.05.010

after a general election.²⁸

HOW TO VOTE: IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

(in this state defined as: Absentee In-Person and Early Voting)

25. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)?

Yes. There is both In-Person Absentee and Early Voting, and they are *distinct* means of voting. Absentee In-Person voting requires you to complete an envelope with your voted ballot and drop the envelope in a ballot box. The voter is given the same ballot at the polling location that they would be given if they had applied for an absentee ballot from home. These ballots are not scanned at the voting location and are instead reviewed by the Absentee Review Board after Election Day to make sure you are eligible and that you have not already voted. At an Early Voting location, your eligibility to Early Vote is determined at the time you vote by verifying that your residence on your voter registration record is current.²⁹ If everything is current (and you have also shown requisite ID), you will vote your ballot and insert it into the scanner. If your information is not current, you will need to vote In-Person Absentee.

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

No.

27. WHEN: When does early voting begin and end?

Early voting and In-Person Absentee begins 15 days before an election up through Election Day.

28. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting/In Person Absentee?

The Director of the Division of Elections will designate Early Voting locations by June 1 of each election year.³⁰ Each location may have different hours and district ballots, so before heading out, the voter should confirm that a particular location has their district ballots available by checking:

[Early and Absentee In-Person Voting Locations – Division of Elections](#)

29. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? What if I don't have an ID?

See [FAQ #19](#) for requirements. Discuss with the election officials at the in-person absentee/early voting location if there is any form of ID that will suffice as "current and valid ID" (including something that might be in the voter's car or wallet that can conform to the requirements listed in [FAQ #19](#)). If not, the voter can:

- Return another time to the Early Vote/Vote In-Person Absentee location with the

²⁸ AS 15.20.207(i)

²⁹ AS 15.20.064(b)(2)

³⁰ AS 15.20.064

- requisite ID or
- Remain at polling location and vote an in-person absentee ballot.

30. ASSISTANCE: What if I need assistance voting early in person?

Yes, you may request an election official, a person, or not more than two persons of your choice to assist, who are not an employer, agent of an employer, candidate, or agent of voter's union. If you request assistance from the election official, they must assist you. If any other person(s) is requested, the person(s) shall state upon oath before the election official that they will not divulge your vote.³¹

HOW TO VOTE: VOTE BY MAIL

(in this state defined as: Mail Voting)

31. AUTOMATIC MAIL BALLOT: Will I automatically be sent a ballot in the mail?

Depending upon where the voter lives in Alaska, as well as the type of election being held (other than a general, party primary, or municipal election), the director of elections may choose to conduct an all-mail election.³²

The municipality of Anchorage runs exclusively all-mail elections (see [Elections Vote by Mail/ Vote at Home - Anchorage](#)). All voters appearing on the Municipality of Anchorage official registration list for the election will automatically receive a mail ballot.

32. ELIGIBILITY: Do I need a specific reason to vote by mail?

No.

33. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot?

The voter must be registered 30 days prior to Election Day to be eligible to receive the mail ballot.

Anchorage **ONLY**: A voter can also apply to vote by email or fax. They need to call the Voter Hotline at 907-243-8683 to request an "Application to vote by Fax or Email" and return the application to the MOA Elections office by 5:00 p.m. seven days before Election Day.

- If a voter wishes to pursue a "vote by email/fax" option, they should be given this information provided by the MOA Elections:

³¹ AS 15.15.240

³² AS 15.20.800; AS 15.80.010(4)

- “Please keep in mind that by using electronic transmission to return your voted ballot, you are voluntarily waiving a portion of your right to a secret ballot, and you are voluntarily disclosing personal identifying information (PII). By using electronic transmission to return your voted ballot, the integrity of the data on your voted ballot is not guaranteed and you are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur. Please keep in mind that firewalls in servers often isolate emails and strip attachments that potentially may contain viruses. It is your responsibility to follow up and confirm that your application and completed ballot were received by MOA Elections.”³³

34. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE: [Can someone assist me with filling out the application?](#)

N/A. You will receive a mail ballot automatically as a registered (qualified) voter if the election falls under [FAQ #31](#). If you are requesting to vote a mail ballot by email/fax, then you do need to fill out an application for emailed/faxed ballot (need to request by phone call, see [FAQ #33](#)), and you may have anyone of your choice assist you, other than your employer, agent of your employer, candidate, or agent of your union.

35. APPLICATION RETURN: [How do I submit my mail-in ballot application? Can someone return it for me? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date?](#)

N/A. If the election is a designated mail-in election (See [FAQ #31](#)), and you are a registered voter, no application is needed since you will receive one automatically.

Anchorage only: To guarantee that you will receive a ballot via email/fax in Anchorage, the application must be received 5:00 p.m. one week before Election Day. After this time, receiving a ballot by this means is not guaranteed as it is processed subject to the availability of staff and resources. No applications will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. the day before Election Day.

36. IDENTIFICATION: [Are there identification requirements when I return my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot?](#)

Only voters on the official registration list will be sent mail ballots automatically, so your identification has already been established by the Division of Elections. However, you will need to sign (as you did on your DMV/State ID) and provide all identifiers required on the ballot/envelope, and if you need to take your mail ballot to a voting center, you will need ID (See [FAQ #19](#)).

Anchorage only: also uses signature verification to ID.

37. RECEIVING MAIL BALLOT: [Does the ballot have to be sent to my home, or can I have it sent somewhere else? What if I don't have a home address or my address is a P.O. Box?](#)

A mailing address does not need to be the voter's residential address.³⁴ Instead, it can be anywhere willing to accept mail on the voter's behalf, such as an advocacy organization or shelter. A P.O. Box is an acceptable mailing address to receive a ballot.

³³ <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/VoterInfo.aspx>

³⁴ AS 15.05.020

In Anchorage, if you will be away and unable to receive your ballot at your registered mailing address during the 21-day period before Election Day, you may request that a ballot be sent to a temporary address by completing the [Application to Vote at a Temporary Address](#). Applications to vote at a temporary address must be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., one week before election day. For more Municipal voting information, call 907-243-VOTE (8683) or e-mail at elections@anchorageak.gov.

38. MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE: What if I have not requested a mail-in ballot by the deadline?

N/A, no application needed. If the voter missed the deadline to submit application to vote at a temporary address ([FAQ# 37](#)), or the deadline to call the MOA Elections Office and have a ballot to be emailed/faxed, then the voter will either have to: go to a MOA voting center and vote in person, or if they are unable to do so because of illness, disability, or age, they can request to have a special needs ballot brought to them (See [FAQ #52](#)).

39. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or mail-in ballot?

In Anchorage, check the status of your ballot online at: <https://anchorage.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

For all other areas, use: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> .

You may also contact your [Regional Elections Office](#) or the [Absentee and Petition Office](#).

40. APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my mail-in ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Application: N/A. No application is needed because all registered voters receive a ballot for mail-in elections.

Rejection: Ballot CANNOT be cured once received by elections officials.

Curing Anchorage Ballots ONLY: The Municipality of Anchorage uses a signature verification process to verify a voter's identity on their mail ballot. If the signature on the registration and ballot *do not* match, or the mail ballot is missing a signature, Election Officials will send a letter to the voter explaining the lack of a valid signature within three business days. The letter shall be sent to the address to which the ballot was mailed and it shall ask the voter to either:

- Fill out the form included with the letter and return the form to the municipality at the address stipulated on the form; or
- Come to the location identified in the letter and present valid identification to an election official and sign a form provided by the municipality authenticating the envelope.

If the authentication is still determined to be invalid, the voter shall be notified in writing that their ballot is rejected.³⁵

41. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the mail-in ballot?

³⁵ Anchorage Municipal Code 28.70.030D

- In your voting packet you will receive a ballot, a return mailing envelope that contains the voter certificate and identification requirements, instructions and a gray secrecy sleeve. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
- Vote your ballot by filling in the ovals next to your choices with a blue or black pen.
- Place your voted ballot inside the gray secrecy sleeve. Place the gray sleeve containing your voted ballot inside the return mailing envelope.
- In the presence of your witness, sign your ballot envelope and provide at least ONE identifier. SIGN IN THE SAME MANNER THAT YOU SIGNED YOUR ALASKA DL OR STATE ID, then have your witness sign the ballot envelope.
- Secure your ballot by folding over the flap and sealing the flap at the top and the bottom.
- Apply the correct amount of postage to the return envelope. Postal amount will be provided with the instructions.

42. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT: Can someone assist me in filling out my ballot?

Yes, you may request an election official, a person, or not more than two persons of your choice (maximum of two who are not an employer, agent of an employer, candidate, or agent of voter's union) to assist.

43. DEADLINE TO RETURN BALLOT: What is the deadline for the ballot to be received? Does it have to be postmarked by a specific date? Can I drop it off in person?

Ballots must be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. Election Day. The Division of Elections recommends you have the USPS postal clerk hand cancel your ballot at the counter to ensure a timely postmark. Ballots must be received by election officials 10 days after a primary election or 15 days after a general election.

Yes, ballots can be dropped off at an absentee voting location ([Absentee and Early Voting](#)), any Division of Elections office ([Division of Elections office](#)) or any polling location ([Polling Place Locations – Division of Elections](#)) on Election Day.

For **Anchorage** drop off, see [Question #44](#).

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

Anchorage Drop Box locations and Voting Centers:

<https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=218a434eff2c42b49e06932d56d2e862>

45. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF BALLOT: Can someone else drop off my completed ballot for me?

If you are voting a *special needs ballot* (See [FAQ #52](#)), then you may have a personal representative drop off your ballot on or before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

There are no statutory prohibitions preventing a person dropping off a completed ballot package on behalf of a voter.

46. **LOST OR SPOILED BALLOT:** What if I lost my mail-in ballot, made a mistake on it (spoiled it) or received an incorrect ballot?

In Anchorage, the voter can go to a voting center (see [FAQ #44](#)), for all other locations, see [FAQ #43](#) to get a replacement ballot.

47. **NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT:** What if I requested a mail-in ballot but have not received it? What are my options for voting?

In Anchorage, if you lose or do not receive your ballot package in the mail, call the MOA Elections Voter Hotline at 907-243-VOTE (8683) to request a replacement ballot package as soon as possible. Replacement ballot packages may not be mailed less than seven days before Election Day.

OPTIONS: You may also visit an Anchorage Vote Center to vote in person. When doing so, you must bring your ID (See [FAQ #19](#)). Another option is to call the Voter Hotline at 907-243-VOTE (8683) to request an Application to Vote by Fax or Email. Complete and return the application to MOA Elections by 5:00 p.m. seven days before Election Day.

48. **IN PERSON OPTION:** What if I requested or received a mail-in ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?

The mail ballot must be destroyed (best practice would be to bring the ballot with you so elections personnel can destroy it, but before the voter does, they should first confirm their presence on the registration roll so they are not relinquishing the option of voting a regular vs a questioned ballot), and the voter will need to bring requisite ID (See [Question 19](#)) for voting in person on Election Day.

HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE **(in this state defined as: Absentee)**

49. **ELIGIBILITY:** Am I eligible to request an absentee ballot?

Yes, any qualified voter can request an absentee ballot for any reason.³⁶

Another individual may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of a qualified voter if that individual is designated to act on behalf of the voter in a written general power of attorney or a written special power of attorney that authorizes the other individual to apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter.³⁷

How to request an absentee ballot ONLINE: [Online Absentee Ballot Application](#). You must have a valid Alaska Driver's License or State ID to use this option.

How to request a MAILED absentee ballot:

³⁶ AS 15.20.010

³⁷ AS 15.20.081(a)

- BY MAIL: Download and complete the [absentee ballot application](#), then send it to the Absentee and Petition Office (([Division Contact Information](#)). You also can ask the Absentee and Petition Office to mail you the application if you don't have a printer. Call 907-270-2700 or 877-375-6508 (toll-free within the U.S.)
- **BY EMAIL:** Download and complete the [absentee ballot application](#), then email it as a PDF, TIFF or JPEG file to akabsentee@alaska.gov.
- **By FAX:** Download and complete the [absentee ballot application](#), then fax it to the Absentee and Petition Office at 907-677-9943 or 855-677-9943 (toll-free within the U.S.).
- **In person:** Visit the Absentee and Petition Office or [any Division of Elections office](#).
- *Any Alaska resident who expects to be living, working or traveling in a remote area of the state where distance, terrain or other natural conditions deny the voter reasonable access to a polling place at the time of the election, can apply by mail beginning January 1 of the calendar year and receive an absentee ballot up 45 days before the election.*³⁸

How to request a absentee ballot to be faxed or electronically delivered:

- To request electronically, the voter needs an email address, computer and printer access. Via email, request a ballot beginning 15 days prior to Election Day. See [Absentee and Early Voting](#) (click vote absentee by online delivery) for instructions on how to complete.
- By Fax, the voter needs access to a fax machine. Via fax, request a faxed ballot beginning 15 days prior to Election Day. See [Absentee and Early Voting](#) (click fax tab) for instructions on how to complete.
- **Note:** *a digital ballot cannot be submitted electronically; it **MUST** be printed and returned in hard-copy form.*

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

A *mailed* application request for an absentee ballot must be received by

- the Division of Elections 10 days before Election Day for a registered voter;
- 30 days before Election Day for an absentee ballot application that also serves to register the voter (if voter misses this deadline, they can still request the ballot for the purposes of voting for the Presidential/Vice-Presidential election race).
- 45 days before an election from a voter who notifies the director in writing that they expect to be living, working, or traveling in a remote area of the state where distance, terrain, or other natural conditions prevent reasonable access to a polling place at the time of the election, the director shall send an absentee ballot and other voting material to the applicant not later than 45 days before the election.³⁹

An *electronic* request for an absentee ballot from a registered voter must be received by the Division of Elections 5:00 p.m. the day before Election Day.⁴⁰

51. IDENTIFICATION: Are there any identification requirements?

³⁸ AS 15.20.081 (i)

³⁹ AS 15.20.081(i)

⁴⁰ AS 15.20.081(b)

The form of identification provided must match the form provided when the voter registered or a form which their local Division of Elections ([Division Contact Information](#)) may access. Online applications require an Alaska driver's license or Alaska state ID.

If using the absentee ballot request also to register, **OR you are a first time voter who registered by mail or fax and did not provide identification**, your identity will need verification and the voter must provide a copy of (if sent electronically, must be in the form of an attachment) of one of the following: a current driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport or hunting or fishing license.⁴¹ If any of the above does NOT show a current Alaska residential address for the voter, they should also include one of the following:⁴²

- an original or a copy of a current utility bill, or
- bank statement, or
- paycheck, or
- government paycheck, or
- other government document

If the voter has any questions about the sufficiency of their identification, they should contact their local Division of Elections office. They should also be sure to include their phone number and/or email in case the Division of Elections needs to contact them regarding their application.

52. EMERGENCY: Is there an emergency absentee ballot? If so, am I eligible?

Special Needs Ballot: If disability, illness or age prevents any qualified voter from going to a polling place, they can have a personal representative *PHYSICALLY* go either to an absentee voting official starting 15 days before and up through Election Day ([Early and Absentee In-Person Voting Locations – Division of Elections](#)) or to an election supervisor or precinct election board member on Election Day and *PHYSICALLY* pick up and deliver a ballot to them. A personal representative can be anyone over 18, as long as they are not one of the following: a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of their employer or an officer/agent of their union. The personal representative must sign a register and take an oath. The voter completes the ballot privately and signs the certificate authorizing the personal representative to carry their ballot, then the personal representative signs as attesting official, dates the voter's signature and brings the voted ballot back to the election official by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.⁴³

For a special needs ballot to be counted, the voter must be actively qualified to vote in the election. The ballot must be received by an election official by 8:00 PM on Election Day. The special needs ballot must be properly filled out, signed, and attested to, in accordance with the instructions on the special needs ballot.⁴⁴

Please see <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/voter-information/voting-assistance/#special> for further instructions and information.

⁴¹ AS 15.07.060(e)

⁴² AS 15.15.225(2); AS 15.20.081(f)

⁴³ AS 15.20.072

⁴⁴ 6 AAC 25.585

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

The application can be returned via mail, email, fax, completed online or returned to the voter's local Division of Elections office. ([Division Contact Information](#))

Yes. A voter can ask a friend, relative or associate to mail their application via USPS or have a private commercial delivery service deliver it to the Division of Elections.⁴⁵

If returning by mail, the Division of Elections recommends a person/voter should request the postal clerk hand cancel the ballot at the counter to ensure a timely postmark.

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

- online at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov>, or
- contact your local Division of Elections office ([Division of Elections office](#)), or
- contact [Alaska Division of Elections - Absentee and Petition Office](#)

55. APPLICATION OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. How can I confirm this and what can I do to fix any errors or get another one?

Application issues should be addressed ASAP with the Alaska Division of Elections - Absentee and Petition Office ([Division Contact Information](#)) to remedy the problem with the application and allow time for another one to be completed and filed.

The voter cannot cure the ballot if it was rejected.

56. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot?

The voter should open the envelope CAREFULLY and read all the material enclosed CLOSELY. There may be a letter from the division of elections that requires the voter to provide proof of identification or other information to aid in the establishment of the voter's identity, such as:

- a copy of a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport or hunting or fishing license, or
- a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that shows the name and current address of the voter.⁴⁶

An absentee ballot must be completed in the presence of either a notary public, commissioned officer of the armed forces (including the National Guard), district judge or magistrate, United States postal official, registration official or other person qualified to administer oaths. If no such person is "reasonably accessible," the voter must have an individual who is 18 years of age or older sign as a witness and attest to the date on which the voter signed the certificate in the individual's presence.⁴⁷

The voter should follow the directions CAREFULLY when filling out their ballots and remember to

⁴⁵ AS 15.20.081(a)

⁴⁶ AS 15.20.081(f)

⁴⁷ AS 15.20.081(d)

apply the correct amount of first class postage to the return envelope.

57. ASSISTANCE COMPLETING BALLOT: *Can someone assist me filling out the ballot?*

Yes. Any qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot through a personal representative who can bring the ballot to you. A personal representative can be anyone over 18, as long as they are not one of the following: a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of their employer or an officer/agent of their union.

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

- Absentee ballots returned by mail: postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. Election Day and received by Division of Elections no later than 10 days following a primary or special primary election and no later than 15 days following a general election or special election.⁴⁸
- Absentee ballots returned in person: 8:00 p.m. Election Day to any voting location, Division of Elections office or polling place.
- Absentee ballots returned via fax: 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: *Completed absentee ballots CANNOT be returned via email*

59. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: *Where can I drop off a ballot (instead of mailing it)?*

The ballot can be dropped off at an absentee voting location ([Absentee and Early Voting](#)), any Division of Elections office ([Division of Elections office](#)) or polling location ([Polling Place Locations – Division of Elections](#)) on Election Day.

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

If you are voting on a *special needs ballot* (See [Question 52](#)), then your personal representative can drop off your ballot on or before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

There are no statutory prohibitions preventing a person dropping off a completed ballot package on behalf of a voter.

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

Under any of these situations, the voter should take the ballot to their local Alaska Division of Elections - Absentee and Petition Office ([Division Contact Information](#)) to have it destroyed. A voter who loses or spoils a ballot may receive up to two replacement ballots when voting early, absentee in person, or at a polling place on Election Day. If a voter spoils both replacement ballots, they may vote by absentee in-person ballot if voting early or absentee in person, or by questioned ballot if voting at a polling place on Election Day⁴⁹

⁴⁸ AS 15.20.081(h)

⁴⁹ AS 15. 15.15.250 & 6 AAC 25.642

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

Contact the Alaska Division of Elections - Absentee and Petition Office ([Division Contact Information](#)) to request a new one, being mindful of the application deadlines listed in [FAQ #50](#); also consider requesting the ballot be emailed or faxed to you. If you are disabled, ill, or elderly, and it is Election Day, you should request a special needs absentee ballot (See [FAQ #52](#)) be brought to you.

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

You should destroy and dispose of your absentee ballot if you choose to vote in-person.⁵⁰ However, before doing so, you should confirm at your polling location that you are on the registration list. Otherwise, you may inadvertently lose an opportunity to vote a regular ballot if there is a problem and then instead have to vote a questioned ballot.

You could also bring the ballot to an Absentee In-Person/Early voting center to drop off your ballot.

64. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee? When can I do this?

In-person absentee voting begins 15 days before Election Day. See [Early and Absentee In-Person Voting Locations – Division of Elections](#) for locations. See Section “[How to Vote: In-Person Early Voting](#)” above for more information.

POLLING PLACE ISSUES

65. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What should I do?

First, you should check online your voter information to confirm your assigned polling location using either <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov> or the Division of Elections website [Polling Place Locations – Division of Elections](#). If the online portal and website indicate that you are at the correct location, you should then contact your local Division of Elections office ([Division of Elections office](#)) to see if there have been any last minute changes.

66. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What should I do? What if the polls are closing while I’m in line?

Stay in line. As long as you are in line by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, you must be allowed to vote.⁵¹

If the polling location runs out of official ballots because of high voter volume, election officials must provide voters with unmarked substitute ballots or other election materials to indicate the intent of the voter.⁵²

⁵⁰ <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/voter-information/absentee-and-early-voting/>

⁵¹ AS 15.15.320

⁵² AS 15.15.140

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

Please let the poll worker know you are having issues so they can inform the Division of Elections staff. Also ask the election officials what the contingency voting procedure will be. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VOTING LOCATION WITHOUT VOTING!!!**

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

No person may attempt to persuade another person to vote for or against a candidate, proposition or question **within 200 feet** of any entrance into the voting area or in the polling place itself.⁵³

See [Question 69](#) just below. A voter should inform the elections officials immediately should such electioneering behavior occur.

69. **VOTER CONDUCT:** What am I prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place? Can I take photos inside?

Prohibited activities include campaigning, signature-gathering and discussing candidates, propositions, or questions on the ballot in a manner that could influence a voter.⁵⁴

Prohibited materials/attire include: signs, fliers, bumper stickers, 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.⁵⁵

Posting a “selfie” with a marked ballot on social media or through texting, such that another person could tell how the voter truly voted, could potentially result in their ballot being deemed “spoiled” and subsequently destroyed if election officials saw this conduct occurring before the voter’s ballot actually went into the ballot box.⁵⁶

There are no statutory proscriptions against taking photos inside or outside of a polling location. However, such conduct should not interfere with the exercise of another voter’s civil or privacy rights,⁵⁷ and if such behavior is occurring, a poll worker should be informed.

70. **POLL WORKER CONDUCT:** What is a poll worker prohibited from wearing or doing in a polling place?

Poll workers cannot display or distribute partisan political material while at work.⁵⁸ They also are subject to the prohibitions set out in [FAQ #68-#69](#).

⁵³ AS 15.15.170

⁵⁴ 6 AAC 25.073

⁵⁵ 6 AAC 25.073

⁵⁶ AS 15.15.280; AS 15.15.300

⁵⁷ Alaska Const. art 1, §3, §22

⁵⁸ AS 39.25.178(3); AS 15.10.105(b)

71. **INTIMIDATION:** Are there any other specific restrictions on conduct outside of a polling place? What should I do if I feel unsafe or uncomfortable outside the polling place?

Any behavior that could be a threat to public safety or your own personal safety should be reported immediately to the Division of Elections personnel at the polling location. If the behavior is an imminent threat to public/personal safety, you should call 911 immediately.

Alaska is an open-carry state, so unless the voting location is at a school or private property where there is signage prohibiting firearms in the polling place, voters may carry firearms into a polling location.

72. **CHALLENGE:** Someone is formally challenging my vote. What should I do?

An individual must have a good reason for challenging the voter and must put the basis for their challenge in writing. The voter must attest to the fact that they meet all voter qualifications and have not voted twice, and then certify through signature that they understand that a false statement on the declaration may subject them to prosecution. After the challenged person has executed the declaration, the person may vote a questioned (provisional) ballot.⁵⁹

When voting a questioned ballot, you will sign a questioned ballot register and complete a questioned ballot envelope with your information. You will then vote your ballot, place it inside a secrecy sleeve and then put it inside of the questioned ballot envelope. The ballot will go to a review board who determines if your ballot can be counted. The information on the outside of the envelope is used to register you to vote or update your registration information (when applicable). A letter will be sent to you if your ballot was rejected or partially counted to tell you the reason.

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

Police/Members of the military are allowed to be inside the polling location if they are voting or on official business only.

74. **THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED:** My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. What should I do?

Early Voting: The voter should first confirm their registration information at [Alaska Voter Information](#).

- If the voter is registered, but the information is not current, the voter can vote with an Absentee In-Person ballot (See Section "[In-Person Early Voting](#)"). If there has been a change in residence (the reason their name did not show up on the voter registration roll at Early Voting), their Absentee In-Person will be counted as to eligible races only (See [Question #8](#)).
- If the voter discovers they are not registered, and since In-Person Absentee voting begins after the 30 day registration deadline, the voter's ballot may be counted as to the election races for Presidential/VicePresidential only.

Election Day:

- Ask the voter if they have previously voted in an Alaska election, and when that was. If it was within the last 4 years, they should check the online portal

⁵⁹ AS 15.15.210

<https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov> to find their assigned polling place location (may have changed with recent redistricting). If there is enough time to go to their assigned location, the voter should do that to avoid voting a questioned ballot, although if a questioned ballot is the only option for casting a ballot before poll closure, they should go ahead and do so.

- Ask the voter if they recently changed their name and see if their previous name is on the registration list. They may vote a regular ballot under their previous name or use a questioned ballot under their new legal name.⁶⁰
- If the voter has not voted in the last two general election cycles and did not respond to any Division of Elections notices, it is possible that their registration was deactivated.⁶¹ The voter should speak with the elections supervisor at the polling location to confirm whether this occurred. Under these circumstances, the voter can vote a questioned ballot. They will be asked to sign a statement that they were registered to vote in the last 4 years, and if the earlier registration can be verified, the voter's questioned ballot will be counted.⁶²
- If the voter's registration was deactivated and they missed one more general election, their registration status may have been changed from "deactivated" to "canceled."⁶³ (This would mean 8 years between votes.) Under these circumstances the voter must be offered a questioned ballot, for which they can vote only for the Presidential/VicePresidential election race. They will also need requisite ID-see [Question 19](#).

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

The voter should first ask the elections official why they are being offered the questioned (provisional) ballot and then ask to speak with the polling place supervisor to see if the issue can be resolved there without having to resort to voting a questioned (provisional) ballot. Voting a questioned ballot should **ONLY BE DONE** when the above has been attempted and there is no way to resolve the issue at the polling location other than voting a questioned (provisional) ballot.

ACCESSIBILITY/ASSISTANCE

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

Yes, you may request an election official, a person, or not more than two persons of your choice to assist. If you request assistance from the election official, they must assist you. If any other person(s) is requested, the person(s) shall state upon oath before the election official that they will not divulge your vote.⁶⁴

77. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Is my polling place ADA compliant? Does my voting location have an accessible voting system?

Polling locations are required to have accessible voting systems for persons with physical disabilities. The voter should contact their local Division of Elections ([Division of Elections office](#)) to confirm available

⁶⁰ AS 15.07.090(a)

⁶¹ AS 15.07.130(b)

⁶² AS 15.15.198(b)

⁶³ AS 15.07.130 (b)

⁶⁴ AS 15.15.240

services at their assigned polling location. The link at [Voter Assistance and Accessibility Information](#) will have additional information on available services.

The Alaska Division of Elections office makes every effort to ensure polling places are accessible to all Alaskans. This sometimes includes temporary solutions, such as portable ramps, door knob converters, ballot call doorbells for those who need assistance gaining entry to the polling place and temporary van-accessible parking spots.

78. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes, you may request an election official, a person, or not more than two persons of your choice (maximum of two who are not an employer, agent of an employer, candidate or agent of voter's union) to assist. If you request assistance from the election official, they must assist you. If any other person(s) is requested, the person(s) shall state upon oath before the election official that they will not divulge your vote.⁶⁵

During elections with a federal race on the ballot, a Voting Tablet will be available at [Early voting locations](#) 15 days prior to an election, as well as at each [polling place](#) on Election Day, for both visually impaired voters and those who need an audio ballot in Native Alaskan languages, Tagalog and Spanish. The units allow disabled voters to vote unassisted through the use of a magnified, high contrast and audio ballot. The tablet has the following features: variety of text, contrast and layout options, alerts voters of any errors on their ballot, such as undervotes and blank contests, and allows voters to view the selections before printing the ballot.

Audio and text information available at: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/voting-assistance/#audio>

The Alaska Division of Elections' protocol for voters with visual impairments is available at [Visual Impairment Policy](#) (pdf).

79. LANGUAGE ACCESS: I am not an English speaker. What language resources are available? Can I bring someone in the booth to help me understand the ballot?

Alaska's language assistance plan provides translated election materials for languages that are historically written and oral language assistance for languages, such as Alaska Native languages, which are historically unwritten. In Alaska, Tagalog (Filipino) and Alaska Native languages are covered under 203 of the Voting Rights Act. A voter should be referred to the Division of Elections Language Assistance website to determine which language resources and services are available in a particular borough or Census Area at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/languageassistance.php>.

On Election Day, the Division of Elections has on-call interpreters to assist voters with every step in the electoral process, as well as bilingual registrars, outreach workers, bilingual poll workers and translators in communities where there is a need. The voter should contact their local Division of Elections office (<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/contact-information/>) to confirm whether there will be assistance at their polling location in the language the voter needs. The voter may choose to have a bilingual election official or any person of their choice (maximum of two who are not an employer, agent of an employer, candidate or agent of voter's union) to go with them into the voting booth to help them cast their ballot.

⁶⁵ AS 15.15.240

80. CURBSIDE VOTING: Is curbside voting available? How do I request it?

No, Alaska does not have curbside voting.

81. VOTER GUIDE: Can I bring a voting guide or reference notes with me into the voting booth?

There is no statutory prohibition against bringing in a sample ballot, voting guide or notes. However, the voter should not exhibit their reference materials in any way that would reveal how they voted/or were going to vote.⁶⁶ The reference items should not have any partisan labeling on them⁶⁷, nor should they be left behind in the voting booth.

STATE SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT

82. QUESTIONS: Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?

Call the Alaska Division of Elections (Phone: (907) 465-4611; Toll-Free: (866) 952-8683 (within the U.S.).

⁶⁶ AS 15.15.280; AS 15.20.061(d)

⁶⁷ AS 15.15.170; AS 15.20.061(d)