

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES
REGIONAL VOTER TOOLKIT:

NORTHERN ALASKA



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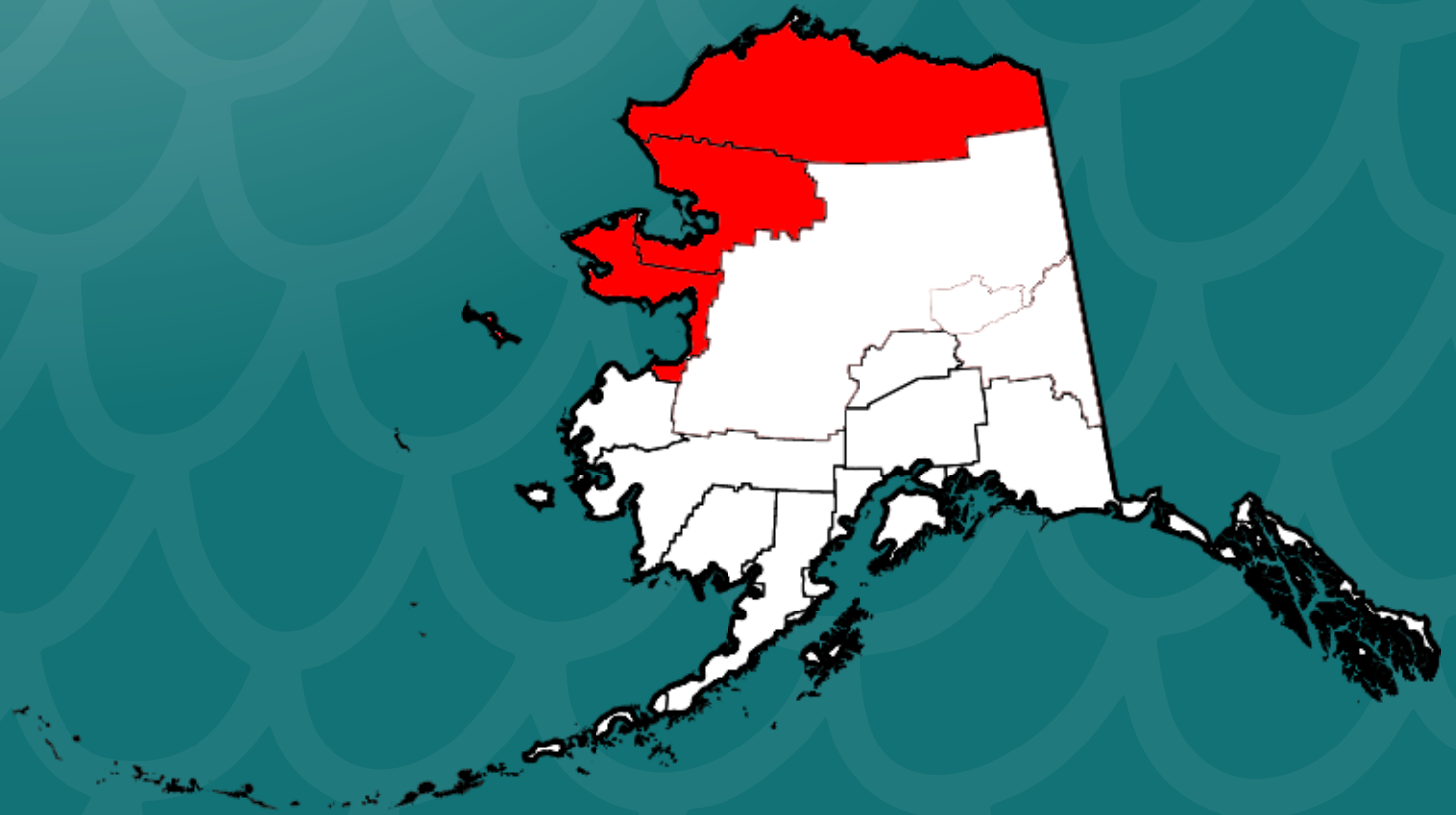


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**For more voter info, check out the
Alaska Division of Elections:
<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>**



ABOUT ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES (AFN)



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES



WHO WE ARE

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska. Its membership includes 192 federally recognized tribes, 152 village corporations, 11 regional corporations, and 11 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. AFN is governed by a 38-member board, which is elected by its membership at the annual convention held each October. Learn more about AFN's

Learn more about AFN's [history here](https://nativefederation.org/history/): <https://nativefederation.org/history/>

OUR MISSION

Alaska Native people began as members of full sovereign nations and continue to enjoy a unique political relationship with the federal government. We will survive and prosper as distinct ethnic and cultural groups and will participate fully as members of the overall society. AFN's mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community. Our major goals are to:

- Advocate for Alaska Native people, their governments and organizations, with respect to federal, state and local laws;
- Foster and encourage preservation of Alaska Native cultures;
- Promote understanding of the economic needs of Alaska Natives and encourage development consistent with those needs;
- Protect, retain and enhance all lands owned by Alaska Natives and their organizations; and
- Promote and advocate for programs and systems which instill pride and confidence in individual Alaska Natives.



Learn more about AFN Here: <https://nativefederation.org/>



Learn more about Get Out The Native Vote Here: <https://aknativevote.com/>



IMPORTANT ELECTION DEADLINES



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2026

Dates	Event	Links
August 18, 2026	Primary Election	https://www.elections.alaska.gov/calendar/
November 3, 2026	General Election	https://www.elections.alaska.gov/calendar/

“Voting is an extension of who we are as Iñupiat people. In Utqiagvik, our way of life is rooted in the values of Iḷagiiḡñiq, a deep commitment to family and kinship, and Piqqakutiqaḡñiq suli qiksiksrautiqaḡñiq utuqqanaanun allanullu, love and respect for our Elders and one another. When we cast our ballots, we are standing up for our communities, our culture and traditions, our language, and the future of our children. The decisions made at every level of government directly impact our ability to live our Iñupiat way of life, from protecting our lands and waters to strengthening our schools and local services. Voting is how we honor those who came before us and ensure that our voices continue to guide the path forward for the generations to come.

-Dr. Pearl K. Brower
President & CEO
Ukpeaḡvik Iñupiat Corporation”



VOTER 101: THE BASICS



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Voter 101: The Basics in Alaska and Why It's Important to Vote to Protect Our Ways of Life (POWOL)

Why Voting Matters:

Voting is more than a civic duty; it's a powerful tool for protecting our lands, languages, values, and ways of life. For Alaska Native and Indigenous communities, casting a ballot is one way to ensure our voices are heard and our concerns are addressed, from subsistence rights and education to land protection and healthcare.

When we vote, we honor the generations that came before us, who fought for the right to be seen, heard, and counted. And we help build a future where our children and grandchildren can thrive in healthy communities, rooted in tradition and culture.

What Are the Elections in Alaska?

1. REAA Elections (Rural Educational Attendance Area Elections)

- These are local school board elections that take place in rural parts of Alaska.
- They decide who sits on the boards that govern schools in many Indigenous and rural communities.
- These boards make important decisions about school programs, budgets, and culturally relevant education, like teaching Native languages and traditions.

2. Municipal and Local Elections

- These elections select leaders for cities, boroughs (similar to counties), and local school boards.
- Positions include mayors, city councils, borough assemblies, and local education boards.
- These leaders make decisions about local services, land use, community safety, and education.

3. Special Local Elections

- These elections decide on specific community questions, such as whether to create a new borough or change local government structures.
- For example, the Borough vote will decide if a new local government unit should be formed in that area.

VOTER 101: THE BASICS



4. Primary Election

- This is a “preliminary” election held in August to narrow down candidates for the general election.
- Voters choose their preferred candidates for governor, U.S. Congress, state legislature, and other offices.
- The top candidates move on to the general election in November.

5. General Election

- The primary election is held in November, where voters choose the final winners for important state and federal offices.
- This includes the governor (the state’s top leader), U.S. Senators and Representatives (who represent Alaska in Washington, D.C.), and state legislators.
- Voters may also decide on ballot initiatives, laws, or policy changes proposed directly to the public.

Why These Elections Are Important for Indigenous Communities and Future Generations

- **Local control:** Many decisions that affect daily life, like education, land use, and community services, are made at the local level. Voting in these elections helps ensure leaders understand and respect Indigenous needs and values.
- **State and federal impact:** Higher-level offices affect policies on land protection, subsistence rights, environmental regulations, and funding for health and infrastructure in rural areas.
- **Representation:** Voting helps bring Indigenous voices into government, making sure that decisions include and protect Indigenous cultures and traditions.
- **Shaping the future:** The people elected in these elections will shape Alaska’s laws and policies for years to come, affecting the environment, culture, and opportunities for future generations.
- **Important to know:** The Governor appoints individuals to Boards and Commissions, and the Legislature votes to confirm those appointments.



What is Protecting Our Ways of Life (POWOL)?

POWOL means standing up for the traditions, environments, and knowledge systems that sustain our people, such as fishing, hunting, gathering, language, storytelling, and ceremony. Many decisions made at the local, state, and federal levels directly impact these ways of life, which makes it critical for Indigenous voices to influence those decisions.

Voting Basics in Alaska:

Here are a few things to know to get started:

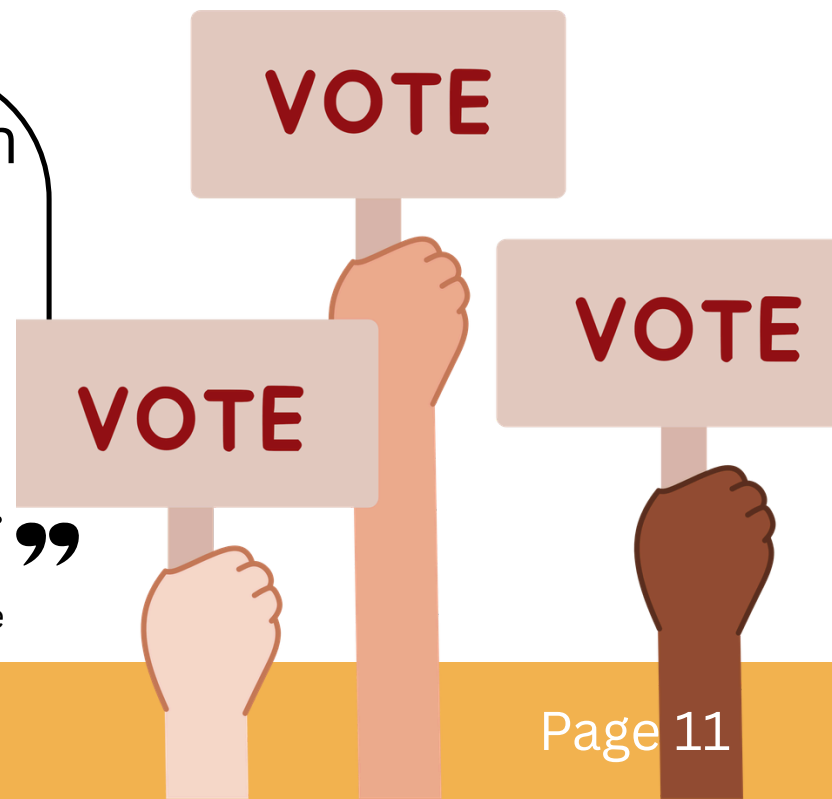
- You can register to vote online or in person, and make sure your information is up to date.
- Election dates matter; mark your calendar for local and state elections, not just presidential ones.
- You can vote early or by mail. Alaska offers flexible options, allowing you to vote your way.
- You have the right to language assistance and voting accessibility. Know your rights and ask for help if you need it.

Your Voice, Your Power:

Many Indigenous people were historically excluded from the voting process. Today, we vote not just for ourselves, but for our ancestors who couldn't, and for the generations yet to come. By showing up at the polls, we help ensure that policies reflect our priorities, such as land stewardship, education, cultural preservation, and tribal sovereignty.

“There is a strength in our people that cannot be denied when we vote. Exercise that power.”

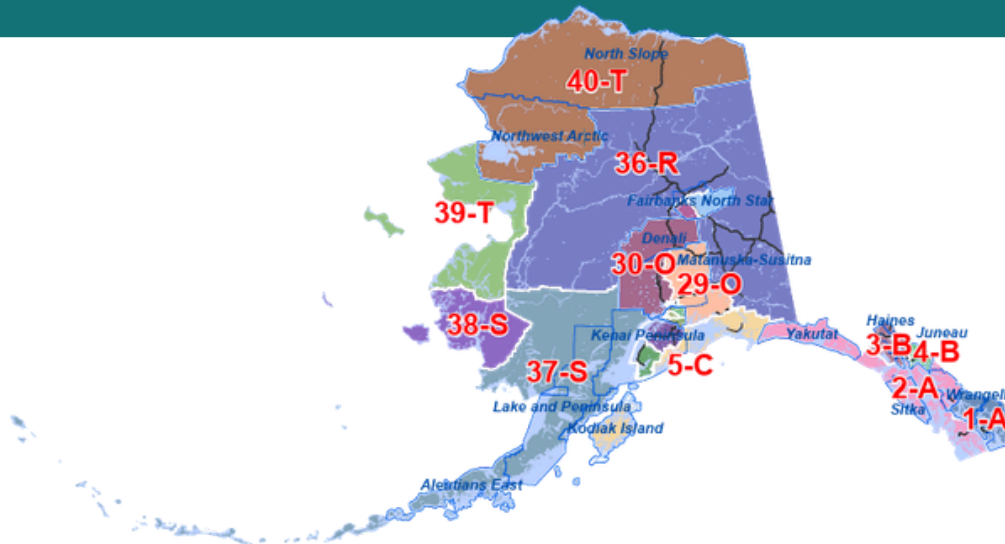
-Don Stiles, Nome



HOW TO FIND YOUR DISTRICT



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1. Use the Alaska Division of Elections “My Voter Portal” Tool.



- Can't Find Your Voter Record? Make sure all names are spelled correctly and that you're using the exact mailing city listed on your most recent Voter Registration Application. <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>

2. Check district maps from the Division of Elections.



- The Division maintains district and precinct maps (PDFs, regional maps) that show boundaries for state House and Senate districts. <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/research/district-maps/>
- Because redistricting happens (e.g., after the census), these boundaries can change. The 2023 Final Proclamation maps are the latest.
- You can locate your home's location on those maps to see which district you belong to.

3. Use the state's new interactive district map.



- Alaska has released an interactive map where voters can enter their address and see their district (House & Senate), plus polling place and precinct.
- The state's Division of Elections has an online tool where you can enter your address (street, city, ZIP) to find your House district, Senate district, precinct, and polling place. <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=579890d66c7e40ae9f7cc227d76669b1>
- This is especially helpful after redistricting, when many district lines may have shifted.

4. Contact the Division of Elections or the Regional Office.



- You can call or visit the Division of Elections (or one of its regional offices) and ask: “Which House and Senate district is this address in?”
- Regional offices have staff who can look up your address and tell you your precinct, district, and polling place. <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/contact-information/>

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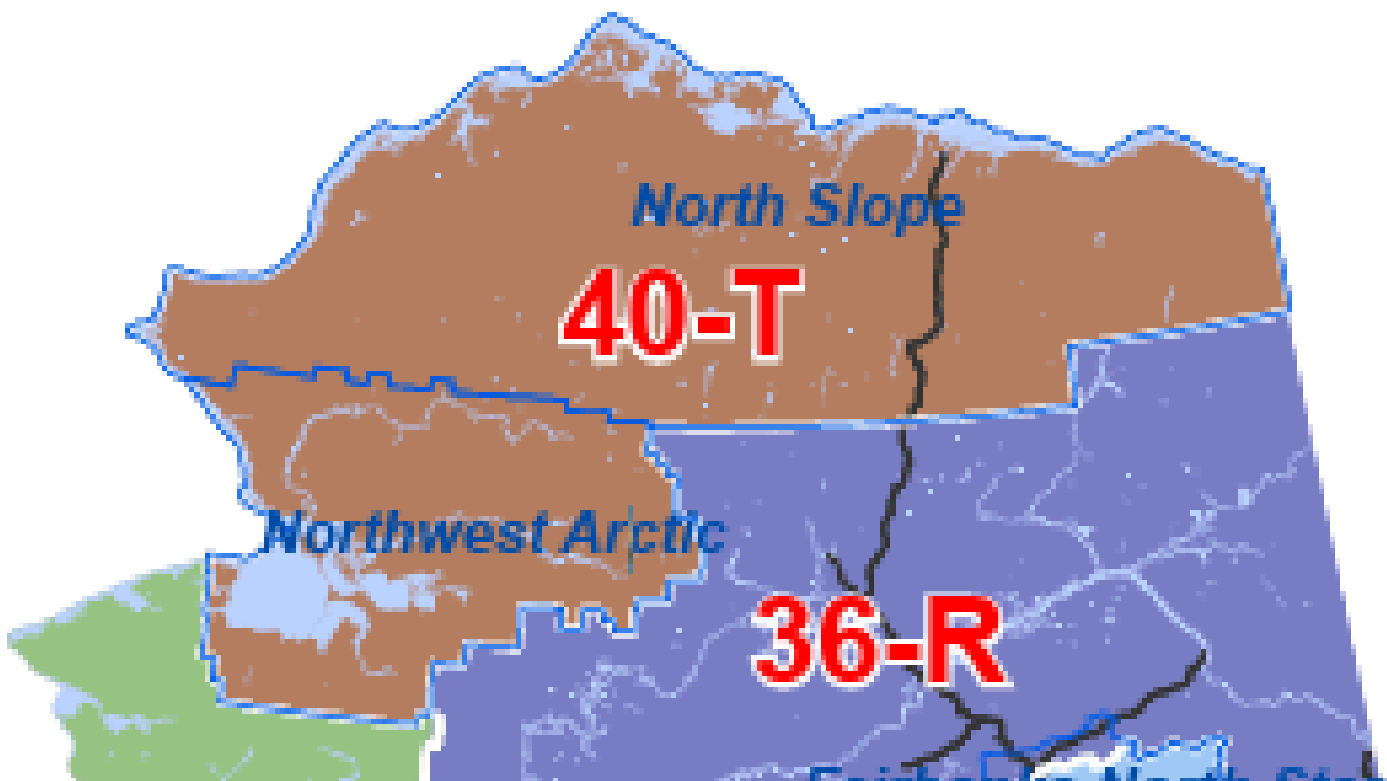
5. Check local voter materials

- Your voter registration card, sample ballots, or local election pamphlets often list your House and Senate district.
- At times, local community offices or tribal governments may also have district maps or voter guides helping community members know their district.

6. Use community or party “who’s my representative” tools

- Some parties or civic organizations provide “Where am I?” or “Who represents me?” tools. For example, Alaska suggests going to the Division of Elections maps to find your district.
- These tools can also show you your state & federal representatives once you know the district.

Northern Map



WHERE TO VOTE IN YOUR REGION



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How to Find Your Polling Place in Alaska

1. Use the “My Voter Information” Tool

The Alaska Division of Elections offers an online lookup tool: <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>

Just enter:

- Your first and last name
- City or voter ID number (if known)
 - This tool will show:
 - Your polling place address
 - Your House/Senate district
 - Your voter status and precinct

DID YOU KNOW?

- New absentee in-person early voting location at the Alaska Native Medical Campus.
- Absentee in-person early voting location at the Ted Stevens International Airport on voting day!

2. Call or Visit a Regional Elections Office

If you're having trouble online or need language assistance, you can call or visit one of Alaska's regional election offices: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/language-assistance/>.

Staff can help you:

- Find your polling location
- Check your registration status
- Get voting assistance in your language or dialect

3. If You're Voting by Mail or Early

- Early voting is available at designated regional offices and polling sites.
- Locations vary depending on where you live (e.g., Fairbanks, Anchorage, rural hubs).
- **When it happens:** Early voting typically begins 15 days before Election Day and ends the day before.
- **You can also request a mail ballot here:** <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/absentee-and-early-voting/>

Why It Matters

Knowing where to vote makes sure your ballot counts fully — especially for local elections, where your district determines what races and measures are on your ballot. Voting in the wrong location could lead to a questioned ballot, which may not be counted in full.

WHERE TO VOTE IN YOUR REGION



Polling locations are subject to change by the Division of Elections. Be sure to double-check your polling locations on DOE's main website. Visit: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-polls/>

Northern District: Polling Location



House District: 39

Precinct #:	Precinct Name:	Polling Place Name:	Address:	City:
39-900	Alakanuk	Alakanuk Community Hall	500 Anderson Street	Alakanuk
39-902	Brevig Mission	Multi-Purpose Building	Clarence Road	Brevig Mission
39-906	Diomedes	Diomedes Community Hall		Diomedes
39-908	Elim	Elim City Building	101 Hillside Street	Elim
39-910	Emmonak	Emmonak Community Center	09 Emmonak Rd	Emmonak
39-912	Gambell	Qerngughvik Community Hall	189 Gravel Street	Gambell
39-914	Golovin	GOLOVIN COMMUNITY HALL	1 Amuktoolik St	Golovin
39-916	Hooper Bay	Brown Council Building	2 Tomaganuk Rd	Hooper Bay
39-918	Kotlik	Kotlik City Office	5 Curry St	Kotlik
39-920	Koyuk	Koyuk Community Hall	3rd Ave and Birch St	Koyuk
39-921	Marshall	Marshall City Office	3230 Yukon Ave	Marshall
39-922	Mountain Village	Mountain Village Community Hall	1st St Marys Road	Mountain Village
39-924	Nome No. 1	Old St. Joe's	407 Bering St	Nome
39-926	Nome No. 2	Old St. Joe's	407 Bering St	Nome
39-928	Nunam Iqua	Nunam Iqua Community Hall	27 Main St	Nunam Iqua

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Northern District: Polling Location

House District: 39

Precinct #:	Precinct Name:	Polling Place Name:	Address:	City:
39-930	Pilot Station	Tutalgaq Community Center	9 Airport Road	Pilot Station
39-931	Russian Mission	Russian Mission City Office	5111 Main Street	Russian Mission
39-932	Savoonga	Savoonga Municipal Building	11 Airport Road	Savoonga
39-934	Scammon Bay	Scammon Bay Traditional Council	104 Ashinuk Street	Scammon Bay
39-936	Shaktoolik	Shaktoolik City Hall	10 Main Street	Shaktoolik
39-938	Shishmaref	SHISHMAREF COMMUNITY HALL	110 Lagoon View	Shishmaref
39-940	St Mary'S	St. Mary's City Hall	174 Paukan Ave	St Marys
39-942	St Michael	St. Michael City Office	100 Baker Street	St. Michael
39-944	Stebbins	Stebbins Community Hall	100 Main Street	Stebbins
39-946	Teller	Teller Community/Bingo Hall	Grantley Ave	Teller
39-948	Unalakleet	Aaron Paneok Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall	270 Main Street	Unalakleet
39-950	Wales	Wales Multi Purpose Building	500 Airport Junction Rd	Wales
39-952	White Mountain	New Community Building	101 White Mountain Hill Road	White Mountain

WHERE TO VOTE IN YOUR REGION



Northern District: Polling Location

House District: 40

Precinct #:	Precinct Name:	Polling Place Name:	Address:	City:
40-002	Ambler	Tutalgaq Community Center		Ambler
40-004	Anaktuvuk Pass	Anaktuvuk Pass Recreation Bldg	3031 Main St	Anaktuvuk Pass
40-006	Atqasuk	Atqasuk Community Building	5010 Ekosik	Atqasuk
40-008	Utqiagvik	North Slope Borough Building	1274 Agvik St	Utqiagvik
40-010	Browerville	Inupiat Heritage Center	5421 North Star Street	Browerville
40-012	Buckland	Buckland Community Building	49 3rd Ave	Buckland
40-014	Deering	Deering Community Hall	59 Main Street	Deering
40-016	Kaktovik	Kaktovik Community Hall	2051 Barter Avenue	Kaktovik
40-018	Kiana	Kiana City Office		Kiana
40-020	Kivalina	Kivalina Armory Building	Kivalina	Kivalina
40-022	Kobuk	Kobuk Community Building	519 Church St	Kobuk
40-024	Kotzebue	Northwest Arctic Borough Bldg	163 Lagoon Street	Kotzebue
40-026	Noatak	Noatak Ira Building		Noatak
40-028	Noorvik	Noorvik Community Hall	20 Fireweed Drive	Noorvik

WHERE TO VOTE IN YOUR REGION



Northern District: Polling Location

House District: 40

Precinct #:	Precinct Name:	Polling Place Name:	Address:	City:
40-030	Nuiqsut	Kisik Community Center	2230 2nd Ave	Nuiqsut
40-032	Point Hope	Point Hope City Hall	530 Qalgi Street	Point Hope
40-034	Point Lay	Point Lay Community Center		Point Lay
40-036	Selawik	Selawik Community Hall		Selawik
40-038	Shungnak	Coffee House	128 Hall St	Shungnak
40-040	Wainwright	Wainwright City Office		Wainwright



**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE & VOTING RIGHTS



HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE



Voter Registration: Who Can Register, Who Can Vote?

Registration Information below is provided by the Alaska Division of Elections:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

Voter Registration Information: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/voter-information/>

To Register:

- A U.S. Citizen
- An Alaskan resident
- 18 years of age or within 90 days of 18th birthday
- Not be a convicted felon involving moral turpitude unless your voting rights have been restored.
- Not be registered to vote in another state unless you are willing to cancel your registration there.

To Vote:

- A U.S. citizen
- Age 18 or older.
- A resident of the state and the election district that you seek to vote in for at least 30 days before an election.
- Registered to vote on or before the registration deadline and not registered to vote in any other jurisdiction.

Alaska Residency Requirements:

For voting purposes, you are considered an Alaska resident if you reside in the state and intend to remain a resident, or if you temporarily leave the state, you have the intention to return (Active military members, spouses, or dependents are exempt from the intent to return requirement).



HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN RESTORE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS?

Unconditionally Discharged?

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.

Felony Conviction?

If you have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or are on probation (parole) for the same crime, you are not eligible to register to vote. Following proof of unconditional discharge, you may register to vote.

Contact the Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole website for more information and contact information.



**Have a past conviction?
You may still register to vote.**

No risk, you'll just get a letter letting you know if you're eligible.



Visit: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/restorationofvotingrights.php>
to learn more about your voting rights.



WHO CAN REGISTER AND WHO CAN VOTE?

Who Can Register?

To register you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- An Alaska resident.
- At least 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18th birthday.
- Not be a convicted felon involving moral turpitude, unless your voting rights have been restored.
- Not be registered to vote in another state unless you are willing to cancel your registration in that state.

Who Can Vote?

You may vote if:

- You are a United States citizen.
- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Have been a resident of the state and of the election district that you seek to vote for at least 30 days before an election.
- Have registered to vote on or before the registration deadline; and are not registered to vote in any other jurisdiction.

What are Alaska Residency

Requirements?

- For voting purposes, you are considered an Alaska resident if you reside in the state and intend to remain a resident or, if you temporarily leave the state, you have intention to return (Active military members, spouses or dependents are exempt from the intent to return requirement).

Visit:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/whocanregisterandwhocanvote.php>
to learn more about your voting rights.

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VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS



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What Alaska Law Says Under Alaska Statutes Section 15.15.225 (“Voter Identification at Polls”):

Before you can vote, you must show one form of identification.

This can be:

- Photo IDs, such as:
 - Voter registration card
 - Driver’s license
 - State ID card
 - Passport
 - Tribal Card
 - Other valid photo ID

Non-photo IDs (if you don’t have one of the above):

- Current utility bill with your name and current address
- Paycheck with name and current address
- Government check, bank statement, or similar government document with name & current address

If you are known personally by an election official, the ID requirement may be waived. However, this waiver does not apply if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail, fax, or other electronic means and did not provide required ID or identifying number at registration.

If you cannot provide an acceptable ID, you may vote a questioned ballot. It will be reviewed later to determine whether it can be counted.

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Our people have never been powerless. When nuclear bombs were planned for our backyard, Iñupiaq voices stopped them. When the government imposed unfair waterfowl hunting rules, our people organized the Duck-In of 1961 and forced the government to acknowledge those rules were wrong. When our land and future were at stake, our leaders united through AFN to pass ANCSA. When our children were being taken from our homes, Native leaders fought to pass the Indian Child Welfare Act.

These victories happened because our people used their voices. They spoke up and they showed up. Many of our elders became ‘super voters’ because they understood that political engagement was necessary for survival. Voting is how we protect our families, our culture, and our land. The least we can do for our children and grandchildren is show up, vote, and make sure our communities are never ignored or forgotten.

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-Donald Ahkuksoak Kious,
Utqiaġvik

WAYS TO VOTE



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VOTE ABSENTEE, IN-PERSON, OR EARLY

- **When You Can Vote:**

- Absentee In-Person and Early Voting locations are open 15 days before the election through Election Day; some may be earlier. Hours and available ballots vary by location.

- **Absentee In-Person Voting:**

- Fill out your ballot and follow the instructions to sign.
- Provide a suggested identifier and seal the provided envelope before dropping it into the ballot box.
- If you have any questions or are confused about anything, please ask an election worker for assistance.
- The only thing they can't do is tell you whom to vote for or how to vote on an initiative.

- **Early Voting:**

- Your voter registration is checked on site.
- If your info is current, you vote and scan your ballot.
- If not, you must vote using the Absentee In-Person method.



**Take a moment to explore
your voting options.**



WAYS TO VOTE



Vote Absentee, In-Person, or Early

Absentee In-Person voting is similar to early voting at your polling place, but with one key difference: Your ballot is treated like a questioned ballot and is forwarded to the Absentee Review Board for processing after your eligibility is determined.

What to Expect

Absentee In-Person and Early Voting locations open for voting 15 days before the election and remain open through Election Day. Hours and available district ballots vary by location.

When voting Absentee In-Person, you'll complete your ballot, place it in a return envelope, and drop it into a secure ballot box. These ballots are not scanned on site. Instead, they are reviewed later by the Absentee Review Board to confirm your eligibility and ensure you haven't already voted.

At designated Early Voting locations, your eligibility is verified on the spot by checking that your voter registration information is current. If everything is up to date, you'll cast your ballot and feed it directly into a scanner. If your information is outdated or cannot be verified, you will need to vote using the Absentee In-Person process.

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EARLY & ABSENTEE IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS

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<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/avo/>

ACCESSIBILITY & LANGUAGE SUPPORT





VOTE ABSENTEE, ABSENTEE IN PERSON, EARLY, OR SAME-DAY

Alaska is a no-excuse voting state. Any eligible voter may apply to vote absentee by mail, fax, or online delivery, with applications opening annually on January 1. Voters may also cast their ballots early or vote in person without providing a reason. Absentee ballots are mailed out 25 days before the election. Your application is assigned a ID number associated with your name that only you can vote with. If you are not dropping your ballot off with an election office or polling station, make sure to hand your postage stamped ballot to a postal worker and ask them to "hand cancel" it to prove you are mailing it before the election day deadline. Even though the polls close at 8 p.m., post offices are not open past published hours, make sure you mail your ballot before your post office's close of business.



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TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT ABSENTEE &
EARLY VOTING

- **When You Can Vote:**
 - Absentee In-Person and Early Voting locations are open 15 days before the election through Election Day. Hours and available ballots vary by location.
- **Absentee In-Person Voting:**
 - Fill out a ballot and seal it in an envelope.
 - Drop it in a ballot box (not scanned on site).
 - The Absentee Review Board later reviews your ballot to confirm eligibility and ensure you haven't already voted.
- **Early Voting:**
 - Your voter registration is checked on site.
 - If your info is current, you vote and scan your ballot.
 - If not, you must vote using the Absentee In-Person method.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. Choose an Application Method

- Online Application: Requires a valid Alaska Driver's License or State ID. Link: <https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/>
- Paper Application:
 - Download, complete, and hand-sign the PDF form (typed or digital signatures are not accepted). Link: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/absentee-and-early-voting/#HowTo>
 - Submit the signed form to the Absentee Office using any approved delivery method.

2. Submit Your Application

- Mail, fax, email (scanned copy), or deliver the paper application according to the instructions provided by the Absentee Office.

3. Check Your Application and Ballot Status

- Use the Voter Information Tool to confirm your voter registration, application status, and ballot status.



Assisted Voting

**For help with any of the services listed below, contact the Alaska Division of Elections:
Phone: (907) 465-4611 | Toll-Free: (866) 952-8683 (U.S.) | TTY: (907) 465-3020**

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Personal Assistance

Voters may receive personal assistance at any stage of the voting process. You may choose anyone to help you except a candidate, your employer, or their agent, or a union representative. You can also help an election worker.

A personal assistant may help you:

- Complete voter registration or election forms
- Read voting materials
- Mark and cast your ballot
- Navigate the voting process

If you would like additional support, including TTY services, please call (907) 465-3020. A Visual Impairment Policy is available for voters with low vision or blindness.

Outreach Services

The Division of Elections provides voter outreach and registrar training to community organizations such as:

- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Access Alaska
- Southeast Alaska Independent Living
- Alaska State Independent Living Council

Accessible Polling Locations

The Division regularly surveys polling places for ADA compliance and provides accommodations such as:

- Portable ramps
- Doorknob adapters
- Ballot-call doorbells
- Temporary ADA parking



Temporary ADA parking

- Magnifying viewers
- Voting Tablets with audio and magnified text

Find Your Polling Location

- Use Alaska My Voter Information
- Contact your Regional Elections Office
- Use the Precinct Locator
- Search by city

Voting Tablets

Alaska's Voting Tablets are like a large video game. They enable voters to cast a ballot independently using magnified text, high-contrast options, and audio features. Tablets are available:

- 15 days before Election Day at early voting sites (for federal elections)
- At all polling places on Election Day
- If you do not see it out, ask for it.

Language options (varies by region): Yup'ik, Cup'ig, Inupiaq/Iñupiaq, Tagalog

Features include a 21-inch display, customizable text and contrast, error alerts, and voter-verified printed ballots.

A demo video is available through the Division of Elections.

ASL Voter Information

Video resources in American Sign Language include:

- Voter Registration Information
- Assisted Voting Information
- Absentee Voting By-Mail
- Additional ASL resources are available via SignVote (external site).

Assisted Voting (Special Needs Voting)

Assisted Voting is for voters who cannot visit a polling place due to disability, illness, or age. A personal representative may pick up, deliver, and return a ballot on your behalf.

How It Works

1. Your representative completes Step 1 of the special needs envelope.
2. An election worker gives them a ballot, secrecy sleeve, and envelope.
3. You vote your ballot and secure it in the envelope.
4. Complete Step 2, with your representative serving as your witness (the same person MUST sign.)
5. Your representative returns the ballot to a voting location by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Audio & Text Voting Information

The following are available in both text and recorded audio:

- Ballot Measures

ACCESSIBILITY & LANGUAGE SUPPORT



- Candidate Statements
- Official Election Pamphlets (OEPs)

Audio files are produced with the Talking Book Center. For assistance or archived audio, contact:
(907) 465-1315 | Toll-Free: 1-888-820-4525 (Alaska)

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

HAVA establishes federal standards for accessible voting, voter registration systems, and provisional voting.

Filing a HAVA Complaint

Anyone who believes a Title III violation has occurred may file a written, notarized complaint with the Division of Elections.

Violations may involve:

- Voter registration system requirements
- Accessibility of voting systems
- Provisional ballot procedures
- Required voter information

Administrative Complaint Form and instructions are available through the Division.

Toll-Free Complaint Line: 1-888-465-5857

VOTER LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE HOTLINES

- ✓ English: 866-OUR-VOTE
- ✓ Spanish/English: 888-VE-Y-VOTA
- ✓ Asian Languages/English: 888-API-VOTE
- ✓ Language Assistance: 1-866-954-8683
- ✓ Arabic/English: 844-YALLA-US
- ✓ Division of Elections: (907) 465-4611

For more resources, please go to [akpirg.org/language-access](https://www.akpirg.org/language-access)

Alaska Public Interest Research Group has a wonderful Voter Language Access Resource page. Visit:
<https://www.akpirg.org/voter-language-access> to learn about more resources on **Voter Language Support.**

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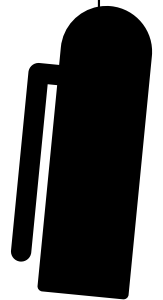
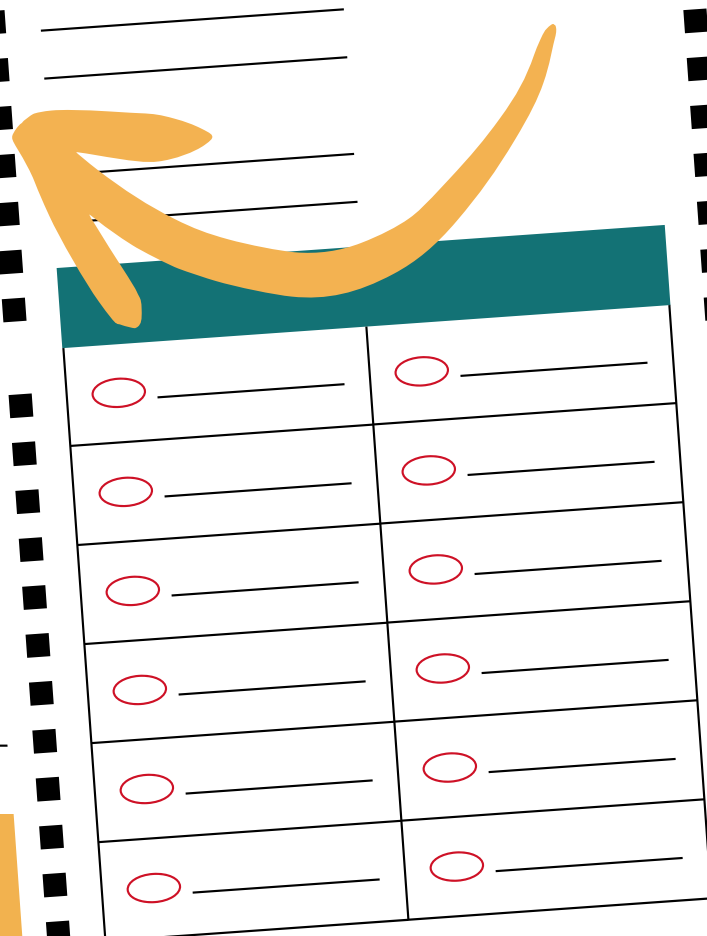
WHY REVIEWING YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT MATTERS BEFORE YOU VOTE

It's important to review your sample ballot before voting because it gives you a clear picture of what you will see at the polls, including the candidates, measures, and the order of items. By studying it in advance, you can make informed decisions, prioritize your choices, and avoid confusion or surprises on Election Day. You can find your sample ballot for Alaska by visiting the Alaska Division of Elections' website at elections.alaska.gov/sample-ballots. Checking it ensures you know what's on your ballot for your precise district.

You can also fill out your voting preferences on your sample ballot and bring it to the voting booth as a guide. (Do not put personal information on that form in case it gets lost.)



FIND YOUR BALLOT HERE!



BALLOT INITIATIVES





WHAT IS A BALLOT INITIATIVE?

A ballot initiative is a proposed law or constitutional change that's placed on an election ballot by the people, not the legislature. If voters approve it, it becomes law.

- Citizens propose an idea and collect enough voter signatures
- If it qualifies, it appears on the ballot
- Voters approve or reject it
- If it passes, it becomes law

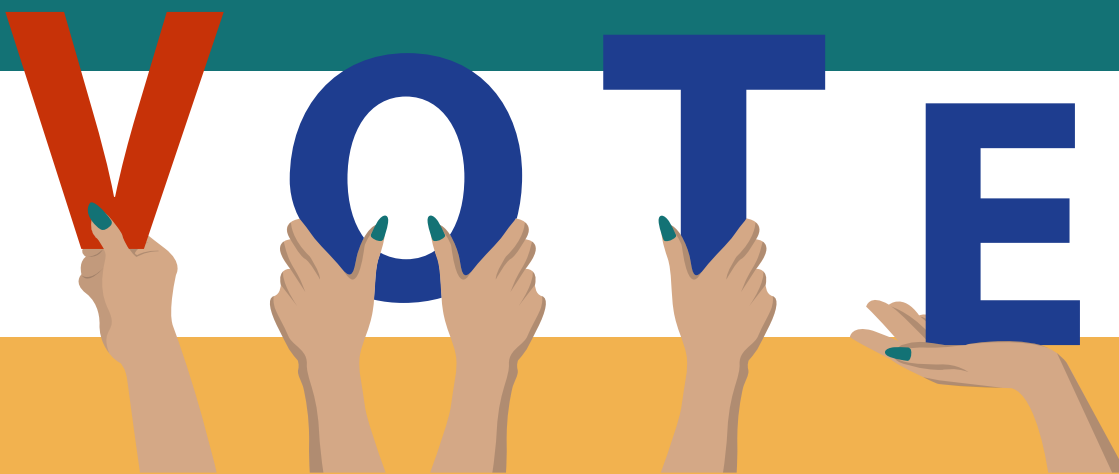
Types:

- Statutory (change regular laws)
- Constitutional (amend the state constitution)
- Referenda (vote on laws already passed by legislators)

They matter because they give voters direct power over major policy issues, but they can be confusing, expensive to campaign for, and hard to change once passed.

Initiatives Likely to Be on the 2026 Ballot:

1. **25USCV** An initiative to require that only United States citizens be qualified voters in Alaska elections.
 - https://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/petition-status/?initiative_id=25USCV#is81213
2. **25ANMA** An initiative to establish a regulated natural medicine program
 - https://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/petition-status/?initiative_id=25ANMA#is81213
3. **23RCF2** Campaign Contribution Limits Initiative
 - https://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/petition-status/?initiative_id=23RCF2#is81213
4. **24ESEG** Ranked-Choice Voting & Open Primary Repeal Initiative
 - https://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions-and-ballot-measures/petition-status/?initiative_id=24ESEG#is81213



HOW TO FIND BALLOT INITIATIVES

This guide shows how to find official information about ballot initiatives using the Alaska Division of Elections website.

Step 1: Go to the Website

- Open an internet browser
- Visit: elections.alaska.gov

Step 2: Open Ballot Measure Information

- From the main menu, click “Petitions & Ballot Measures.”

This section contains all official information about ballot initiatives and referenda in Alaska.

Step 3: View Current Initiatives

- View “Petition Search Engine” or “Active Petitions.”

You will see a list of ballot initiatives that are:

- Proposed
- Collecting signatures
- Certified for the ballot

Step 4: Review the List

Each initiative listing includes:

- Petition number or ID
- Short description of the measure
- Current status (e.g., circulating, filed, certified)

Step 5: Select an Initiative

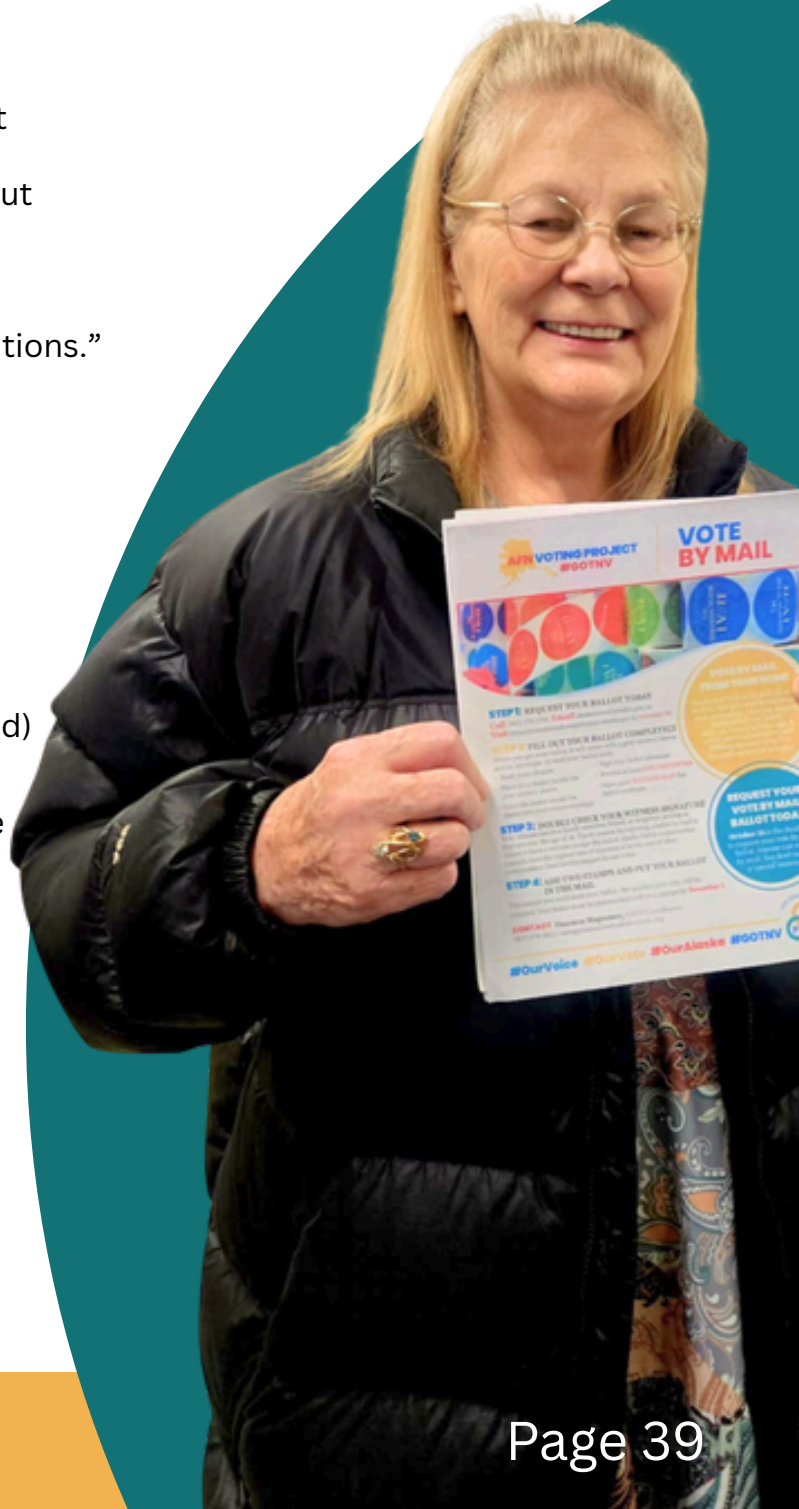
- Click the petition number or title to open the detailed page

Step 6: Read Initiative Details

On the initiative detail page, you can find:

- A summary of what the initiative would do
- Current status and important deadlines
- Sponsor and contact information
- Links to official documents, including:
 - Petition booklet (PDF)
 - Ballot title and summary
 - Legal opinions, if available

Step 7: Download Documents (Optional)



CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET



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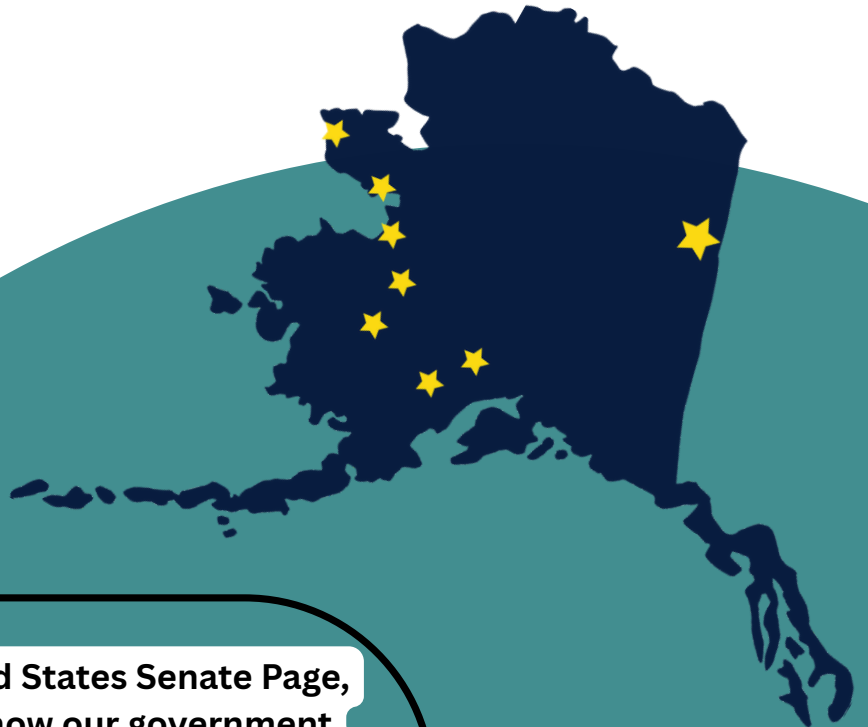
- What will the ballot look like? Take some time to learn about candidates running for the 2025 elections.

Check out the **Division of Elections Candidate** to learn who will run.

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/candidates/> TMC

Upcoming State Elections

- **Primary Election**
 - August 18, 2026
- **General Election**
 - November 3, 2026



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Last year I worked as a United States Senate Page, which gave me insight into how our government functions. Traveling all the way to Washington, D.C. to learn Senate procedure, take classes, and witness democracy in action taught me how elected leaders can and do support rural communities even in faraway Alaska. It has also given me knowledge and perspective that I hope to bring back and share with my own community. It literally starts with new generations, like me, helping to run elections, interning at offices, or volunteering for our Tribes. We can be a generation of super voters like our ancestors and protect our way of life.

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-Cheyenne Saanjaq Wiehl, Utqiaġvik



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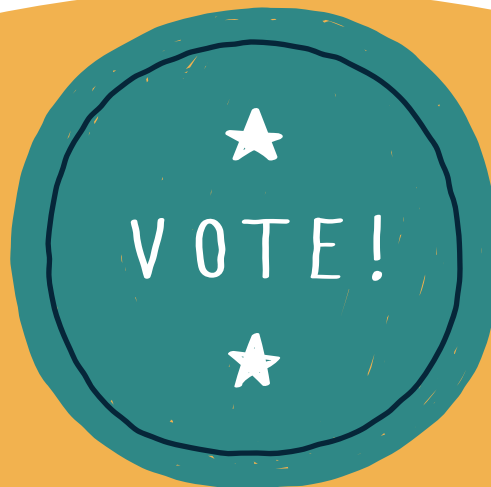


WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN VOTING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN ALASKA

Participating in elections is one of the most powerful ways Alaskans can shape their state's future. With communities spread across vast distances and unique local needs, every voice truly matters here. When you vote, you help decide how resources are allocated, which leaders represent your values, and what priorities guide Alaska's future—whether it's infrastructure, education, public safety, or the stewardship of our lands and waters.

Getting involved isn't limited to casting your own ballot. Encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to vote strengthens civic participation across Alaska's diverse communities. Sharing reliable information about registration, polling locations, and sample ballots helps others feel confident and prepared. In small towns and rural villages, even a few additional voters can significantly impact local outcomes.

Community outreach, whether online, through local organizations, or simply in conversation, builds a culture of engagement. When more Alaskans participate, elected officials gain a clearer understanding of what matters most to the people they serve. Together, we can support fair representation, informed decision-making, and a stronger future for every corner of Alaska.



**FIND LOCAL AGENCIES
TO VOLUNTEER AT**

WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?



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What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Under the system, voters rank candidates in order of preference (you also don't have to rank at all beyond your first choice, but there is power in ranking.) If the leader does not get more than 50 percent in the first tally, the fourth-place finisher is eliminated and his or her ranked votes are added to the voter's second choice. The process may be repeated in this built-in instant run-off until one candidate gets a majority.

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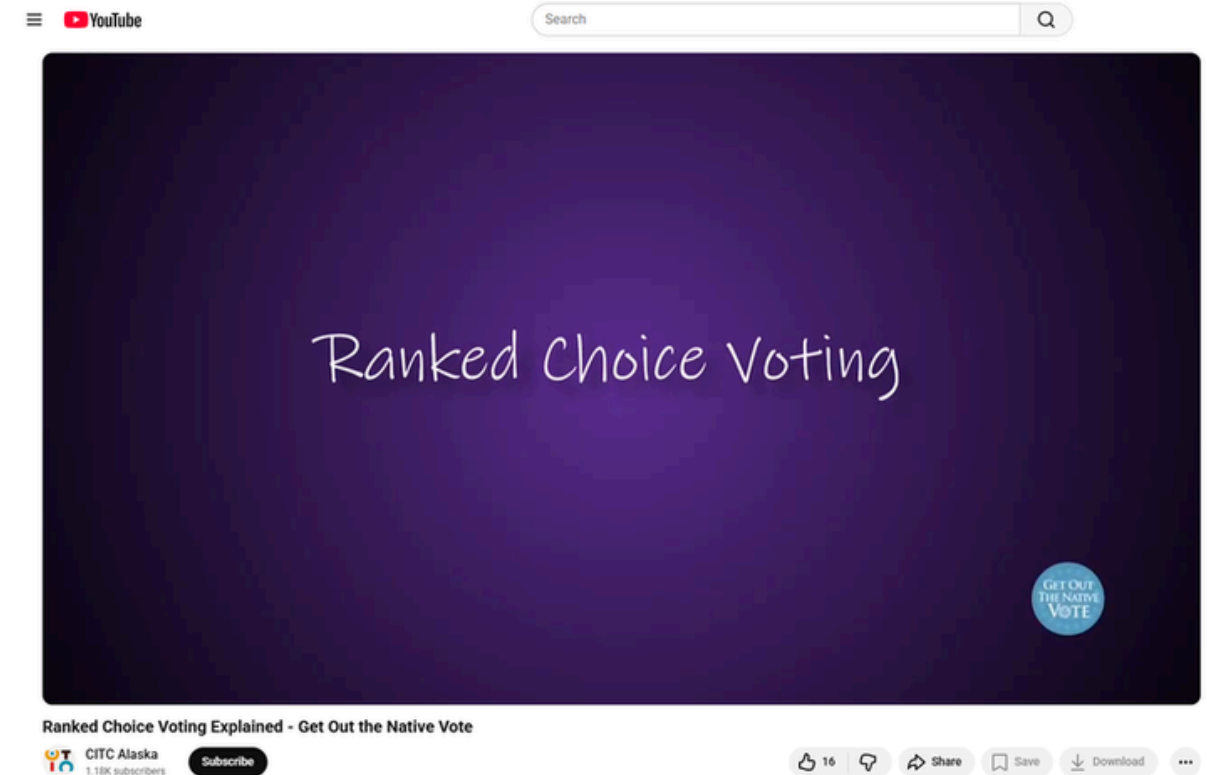
Visit here to learn more:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/rcv/R CV%20Rack%20Card%20-%20Distribution.pdf>

Watch here to learn more about
RCV:
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VOTING AS A STUDENT OR MILITARY MEMBER



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College Voters

A college voter is any Alaskan resident attending school either in or outside of Alaska. For voting purposes, you are considered an Alaska resident if you live in the state and intend to remain, or if you are temporarily away with the intention of returning. When registering to vote, updating your registration, or requesting an absentee ballot while outside Alaska, use the last Alaska residence address where you lived before leaving.

Attending College in Alaska but a Resident of Another State?

If you attend college in Alaska but maintain residency in another state, contact your home state's election officials for information on voter eligibility and absentee voting procedures. Additional resources are available through the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Here: <https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote/voter-registration>



Voter Information

You can review your voter registration, absentee ballot application, and ballot status through the My Voter Information webpage.

Here: <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>



VOTING AS A STUDENT OR MILITARY MEMBER



U.S. Citizens Living Permanently Overseas

Suppose you are a U.S. citizen who now lives permanently outside the United States and does not plan to return to Alaska. You or your parent/legal guardian were last domiciled in Alaska before leaving, without registering or establishing residency in another jurisdiction. In that case, you may be eligible to register as a federal voter. This allows you to participate in Alaska's federal elections.

Federal Absentee Voting & Registration

To apply, use the Federal Absentee Ballot Application.

Here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C06OS.pdf>



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When registering for the first time as a federal voter, include a copy of your valid U.S. passport, card of identity and registration, or other identification issued by the U.S. Department of State. Send your completed application to the Absentee and Petition Office by mail, fax, or email (PDF, TIFF, or JPEG attachments accepted).

Check Your Status

You can review your voter registration, absentee application, and ballot status on the My Voter Information webpage.

Here: <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>



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VOTING AS A STUDENT OR MILITARY MEMBER



Military and Overseas Voter Information

Military and overseas voters include active members of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marines, Commissioned Corps, U.S. citizens living temporarily abroad, and their spouses and dependents.

Voting Information

When completing your absentee ballot application:

- Select your military or overseas status.
- Choose how you want to receive your ballot.
 - **Email:** Provide your email address.
 - **Mail:** Provide your ballot mailing address.
 - **Fax:** Provide your fax number.

You can check your voter registration, absentee application, and ballot status anytime through the [My Voter Information webpage](#).



Voter Registration

When registering or updating your voter registration, you must provide an Alaska residence address.

You may use:

- The Alaska address currently on your voter record, or
- The Alaska address where you lived before leaving the state, if you are temporarily away and intend to return.

Active-duty members of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marines, Commissioned Corps, and their spouses are not required to show intent to return.

Visit the [Voter Information page](#) for additional ways to register or update your voter information.



MAKE YOUR VOTING PLAN



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A VOTING PLAN? START HERE!

As you prepare for this year's elections, please start with these items. Below is an informational checklist for a voting plan, with critical information to ensure a strong, successful plan.

1. Check to see if you're registered to vote.
 - Not sure if you're registered to vote?
 - Visit here: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> to find more information on registering.
2. If needed, Register to Vote.
 - It takes less than 2 minutes to register.
 - Visit here: <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/> to register online.
 - Visit here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C03.pdf> to print a paper form to complete and sign. Send your completed form by mail, fax, or email attachment to a Regional Elections Office.
 - When registering to vote, send a copy of your current driver's license, state ID, passport, or birth certificate with your paper form. They cannot accept applications such as Google Docs. They must be attached directly to the email.
 - They will send you a voter card once your voter registration application has been processed. The card will take approximately four to six weeks to arrive.
3. Find candidate Information.
 - Knowing who you are voting for is important to ensure your values are aligned.
 - Visit here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/candidates/> to learn more about candidates.
4. Check your absentee ballot application and ballot statuses & locations.
 - This is a critical step because knowing the dates, locations, and times ensures you have time to vote in person or, if needed, to prepare your absentee ballot in case you are out of town that day. Also, this is a good time to have conversations with your local post office employees to ensure it's open on election day.
 - Click here: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> for more information on your ballot application, ballot statuses, and polling place locations.

Your vote is your voice in shaping your community and your country's future. Let's ensure every eligible voice is counted and every vote matters. Dive in and empower yourself with the tools to participate fully in the democratic process. Let's make 2024 a year of engaged citizenship and meaningful change!

2026 Upcoming Election Dates and Deadlines

The Voting information below is provided by the Alaska Division of Elections, here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

VOTE FOR POWOL!

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE?



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Interested in Running for Office in Alaska?

The Alaska Division of Elections provides official information for candidates considering a run for public office.

Where to Start

1. Go to elections.alaska.gov
2. From the main menu, select “Candidates.”

What You Can Find There

The Candidates section includes:

- Under “How to File Your Candidacy,” you find:
 - Offices up for election and term lengths
 - Candidate filing requirements and deadlines
 - Declaration of candidacy forms
 - Campaign finance reporting requirements
 - Voter district and precinct information
 - Contact information for Division of Elections staff

Key Things to Know

- Filing deadlines vary by office
- Some offices require petitions or filing fees
- Candidates must follow Alaska campaign finance laws
- Official forms must be filed with the Division of Elections

Get Help

If you have questions:

- Use the contact information listed on the Division of Elections website
- Division staff can help explain filing steps, deadlines, and requirements



HOW TO BECOME A POLL WORKER?



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Serve Your Community. Strengthen Democracy. Get Paid to Make a Difference.

Poll workers are the backbone of every election. They greet voters, answer questions, ensure ballot integrity, and make sure every eligible voice is heard.

In Alaska, *we need you.*

Teenagers. Bilingual speakers. Caregivers. First-time voters. Retirees. Community leaders. Everyday neighbors.

We especially face a shortage of bilingual poll workers who can:

- Help community members prepare for elections
- Walk Elders through sample ballots
- Provide clear explanations in voters' preferred languages

This is more than a temporary job. It's leadership. It's a civic responsibility. It's skill-building.

You'll gain administrative and communication experience, **and earn \$20-\$25 per hour, including training time.**

Worried about making mistakes? Don't be. The process is structured, supportive, and designed to help you succeed.

Your community needs you.

If not you, who will run our elections?



HOW TO BECOME A POLL WORKER?



How to Become a Poll Worker in Alaska

Poll workers help run elections by assisting voters and supporting polling places on Election Day.

Step 1: Check Eligibility

You must:

- U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old (some roles allow 16–17 with permission)
- Registered voter in Alaska
- Available for Election Day (full day or split shift) and required 4–5 hour training
- Must remain non-partisan and avoid political opinions on the job
- Cannot be related to a candidate on the ballot

Step 2: Go to the Alaska Division of Elections Website

- Visit elections.alaska.gov
- Scroll down and Click “Poll Worker Resources.”

Step 3: Apply to Be a Poll Worker

- Complete the Poll Worker Application
- Select your preferred position (e.g., precinct board worker, chair, assistant)
- Indicate your availability and location
 - Applications can usually be submitted online or by mail, depending on the region.

Step 4: Attend Required Training

- If selected, you must attend mandatory training
- Training covers:
 - Voter check-in
 - Ballot handling
 - Election laws and procedures
 - Accessibility and voter assistance

Step 5: Work on Election Day

- Poll workers typically work a full day
- Duties may include:
 - Checking in voters
 - Issuing ballots
 - Assisting voters
 - Closing and securing the polling place

Step 6: Get Paid

- Poll workers are paid for training and Election Day
- Pay rates vary by position and election

Need Help?

- Each region has a Regional Elections Office
- Contact information is listed on the Division of Elections website



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



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Here is some great information pulled from **Get Out the Native Vote!**

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote in Alaska by completing a Voter Registration Application and presenting it in person to the Division of Elections, a voter registrar in your community, a city or borough clerk, or a voter registration agency (DMV, Health and Social Services, Community and Economic Development, recruitment offices of the armed forces of the United States located in Alaska). You may also simply mail it to a [Division of Elections office](#). <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

[Voter Registration Application / Check Status](#)

- <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>

Did you know: When you complete your Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) application, you are automatically registered to vote? Learn more [HERE](#).

- chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/info/PFD%20AVR%20FAQ.pdf>

I moved and need to update my voter registration record. How do I do that?

You can update your registration record on the same form used for an original registration. See the previous question for more information.

What is the deadline for registering to vote in an election?

30 days before an election. One exception is for an Incorporation Election, in which a voter must be registered 30 days before the Director of Elections signs the Order and Notice of Election.

How long do I have to live in Alaska to register to vote?

If you are in Alaska, you can register to vote as soon as you arrive as long as you intend to remain here and have the intent to return when you leave. However, you cannot vote for state or local candidates or issues until you have been registered for 30 days.

If you are registering by mail from outside Alaska, you must provide proof of Alaska residency (for example, a current Alaska driver's license, fish and game license, military leave and earnings statement that identifies Alaska as the applicant's state of legal residence). The document must be in the applicant's name.

Who can vote?

A person may vote at any election who:

- is a citizen of the United States,
- is 18 years of age or older
- has been a resident of the state and of the election district in which the person seeks to vote for at least 30 days just before the election
- has registered before the election registration deadline
- is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How do I become an Alaska resident?

You ARE a resident for voting purposes if you are in Alaska with the intent to remain here and have the intent to return when you leave, and are not registered to vote in another state or are willing to cancel that registration. This DOES NOT mean that you meet residency requirements for other state agencies and programs. Other agencies or organizations can have different criteria to define Alaska residency.

Can I register to vote before I am 18?

You can register 90 days before you turn 18, but you must be eighteen on Election Day or before in order to vote.

Do I have to register to vote to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend?

No, but being registered to vote helps establish Alaska residency.

What is my district and precinct number?

The numbers are shown on your voter ID card: district number followed by your precinct number.

What is my voter number?

This is a unique number assigned only to you and can be found on your voter ID card.

I can't remember when I first registered to vote.

Contact the regional [election office](#) in your area, and they can research your voter record.

COMMON REASONS BALLOTS ARE REJECTED

Ballots can be rejected for a few avoidable mistakes. The most common include:

- **Missing or incorrect witness signature:** Alaska requires a witness (or notary). If the witness signature is missing or incomplete, the ballot won't count.
- **Ballot arrives too late:** Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the deadline. Late postmarks are a frequent reason for rejection.
- **Missing voter signature:** You must sign the voter declaration on the return envelope. Unsigned ballots are not accepted.
- **Incorrect or missing voter identifier:** Voters must provide identifying information, such as:
 - Driver's license or state ID number
 - Date of birth
 - Last four digits of Social Security number
- **Errors in voter information:** Mistakes in your identifier (wrong numbers, mismatched details) can cause your ballot to be flagged or rejected.
- **No identifier provided at all:** If the required voter ID information is left blank, the ballot cannot be verified.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VOTE



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• Taikuu • Háw'aa • N'toyxsm • Qagaliqux •
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Thank You

