

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE!

NAVIGATING THE SAMPLE BALLOT



ALASKA 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION TIMELINE



GOTNV'S PRIMARY SAMPLE BALLOT TUTORIAL!

What is the point of a Primary? Think of it as a regional basketball tournament, you need to win there to make it to state. If there are more than 4 candidates running for a single office (e.g., 17 people are running for Governor,) the **pick-one open primary** cuts the list down to only the top 4 vote getters in the general election. This is a midterm election year, meaning, it's halfway into the term of the U.S. President. This process makes it easier to pick a candidate in the pared down general election ticket, but even then, with the new election law, we get to pick from those 4 candidates (with an option to write-in a candidate) in order of preference with Ranked Choice Voting. Alaska Natives used to heavily participate in the primaries, but we have gone from as high as 9 out of 10 people voting in the mid-August election, to an average of 1 to 2 out of 10. This means we are not owning our power and playing our part in designing the general election ticket.



MAKE VOTING IN THE PRIMARY A PRIORITY

Studies show what made the 1980s and early 1990s Alaska Native Super Voter a “Super Voter,” is when they made **Voting a Cultural Value**, they made it a practice to register in time for the primaries - as well as the school board and general elections. For example, Atmautluak had a 92.50% turnout in 1982. Saint Michael had 81.50%. Kotzebue had 76.40%. Arctic Village had 77.40%.

We also typically vote across party lines at 30% more than the state’s average of 50%

https://aknativevote.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Open-Primaries-in-Alaska-Native-Communities_-Report.pdf



MORE THAN EVER! CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS

The Division cleans up their voter rolls every other year, and if you as a voter has been inactive in the last two election cycles, you may be removed from the rolls unless you respond to a letter they send. **The average inactive list numbers in the 200s, but this year we saw a 17.5-fold increase in removing voters from the voter rolls. You may have been in that 3,048 number for many reasons, so please take the time to check your registration status right now:**

- [Voter Information Lookup - Division of Elections](#)

My Voter Portal

Voter Information

Name	SPARCK MICHELLE R
Party Affiliation	NONPARTISAN
Mailing Address	5200 E. ANCHORAGE AK 99504
Residence Address	Private
Private Voter Code	Submit

Precinct / Polling Information

District / Precinct	21-720 EAST ANCHORAGE NO. 4
Polling Place	BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Polling Place Location	2991 BAXTER RD ANCHORAGE View in Google Maps

Checking your status is helpful either way for you to know if your address is current and what precinct you are in. If you go to the wrong precinct, you must vote with a **questioned ballot**, which means your statewide votes may count, but your local races may not – and that’s called a **partially accepted ballot**. It’s worth looking up your status because your precinct may have moved to a different location like these places listed in Juneau:

04	04-115	Juneau No. 2	New Location State Office Building <i>Last updated June 26, 2026 at 9:43 am.</i>	New Location 333 Willoughby Ave	Juneau
04	04-120	Juneau No. 3	New Location Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council <i>Last updated June 12, 2026 at 1:28 pm.</i>	New Location 3235 Hospital Dr	Juneau

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING SITES

Hub communities like Dillingham, Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, and Utqiagvik have [Early and Absentee In-Person Voting Locations - Division of Elections](#), that means you can vote in those locations if that is your home region without worry. The Division's Regional offices in **Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome, and Wasilla** are **All-Districts** sites - it doesn't matter where you are from in Alaska, you can find your ballot there. **Anchorage's City Hall** and the **Midtown Mall** are **All-Districts voting**, while **Kenai** is more limited:

Kenai

Location	Hours	Ballots Available
Early Voting Location	Monday – Friday	HD5 Sample Ballot
Region V Elections Office	August 3-17	HD6 Sample Ballot
11312 Kenai Spur Rd. Ste.	8:00am – 5:00pm	HD7 Sample Ballot
48		HD8 Sample Ballot
	Saturday	HD37 Sample Ballot
	August 8 and 15	
	10:00am – 4:00pm	
	Sunday	

Over 20% of Alaska Natives from all over the state make up the population in the Mat-Su Valley. We are proud to have a grant from the **Mat-Su Health Foundation** to help us build community out there alongside the Knik and Chickaloon Tribes.

If you are from **Kipnuk** and **Kwigillingok**, you can still vote with your home ballot at the Menard Sports Center. If your travels on Election Day bring you through Ted Stevens Airport, you can vote on the first-floor level one from the parking garage.

YOU MAY MISS THIS PRIMARY, BUT VOTING IN IT IS A GOOD EXERCISE! REGISTER TO VOTE

Since 2015, Alaskans have enjoyed being automatically registered to vote through their PFD application or getting or renewing your state ID or Driver's License at the DMV. **Some people, especially kids or those who have served time, may slip through the cracks.** Unfortunately, the deadline to register passed on July 19. If you find you are not registered to vote, it's worth registering now so you are eligible to vote early, by mail, or in-person for the November 3 Midterms.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

If you have served time and are unsure of your right to register to vote again, you should look into seeing if you are eligible to vote. You will need to have been unconditionally discharged. Find out more here: [AFN GOTNV One Pager Flyer](#)

VOTER REGISTRATION

If your signature is on file with the state through your PFD application or the DMV, you should be able to register online. If your signature is needed, you must fill out a paper application. Both options are under this link: [ALASKA - Online Voter Registration](#)

Sometimes our signature changes over time, so be mindful of how an examiner would look at our signature if a race is close and they want to question your vote.



VOTER ID

The Voter ID card you get in the mail from the Division of Elections is the best form to bring to the polls with you. Your Tribal ID, Driver's License, State ID, Passport, Military ID, School ID and certain government forms found here work too: [Voter ID Requirements in Alaska \(2026\) - State Regs Today](#)

SAMPLE BALLOTS!

You can find your sample ballot in English from this jump page:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/sample-ballots/>.

Now that you know your District, find that District and click on that link. For example, HD I in the Southeast, looks like this:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election/2026/Primary/SampleBallots/HD I.pdf>

This is exactly how your ballot looks when it comes in the mail, or when you go to the polling site. Go through the offices, the candidates, and the ballot measure to reason out your selection.

State of Alaska Official Ballot
August 18, 2026
Primary Election

House District 1

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PLEASE NOTE: A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or group or that the party or group approves of or associates with that candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as affiliated with the political party or political group.

Instructions:

- To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this: ☒
- Vote for one candidate only.
- Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

United States Senator (Vote for one)	United States Representative (Vote for one)
☐ Darden, Dustin Thomas House (Registered Republican)	☐ Ambrose, David R. II (Nonpartisan)
☐ Grauberger, Fred C. (Registered Republican)	☐ Beglich, Nick (Registered Republican)
☐ Grayson, Richard (Registered Green)	☐ Dutches, Lady Donna (Nonpartisan)
☐ Hafner, Carol "Kitty" (Registered Democrat)	☐ Foddrell, John E. Sr. (Registered Libertarian)
☐ Helkes, Gerald L. (Registered Republican)	☐ Goldfarb, Eddie (Registered Republican)
☐ Hill, Sidney "Sid" (Undeclared)	☐ Hafner, Eric (Registered Democrat)
☐ Kohlihaas, Scott A. (Registered Libertarian)	☐ Hill, Bill (Nonpartisan)
☐ Leslie, David B. (Registered Democrat)	☐ McDermott, James C. "Jim" (Registered Libertarian)
☐ Mayers, Richard B. (Registered Republican)	☐ Reynoso, Yaquelin (Registered Democrat)
☐ McElwain, Heather (Registered Republican)	☐ Richey, David (Nonpartisan)
☐ Peltola, Mary (Registered Democrat)	☐ Salazar, Melanie A. (Nonpartisan)
☐ Roberts, Reece J. (Nonpartisan)	☐ Schultz, Matt (Registered Democrat)
☐ Saucerman, Shirley A. (Nonpartisan)	☐ Strickland, Clay (Registered Republican)
☐ Southworth, Earl D. "Skip" (Registered Alaskan Party)	☐ Williams, John B. (Registered Democrat)
☐ Sullivan, Daniel J. Jr. (Registered Republican)	☐ Williams, Matthew "Bronco" (Undeclared)
☐ Sullivan, Dan S. (Registered Republican) Incumbent	

Continue Voting on Next Side

The areas identified in the most recent Federal Register for 203 determinations in Alaska are:

Aleutians East Borough:

Yup'ik (Bristol Bay Yup'ik)

Bethel Census Area:

Yup'ik (General Central Yup'ik, Nunivak Cup'ig)

Dillingham Census Area:

Yup'ik (Bristol Bay Yup'ik)

Kusilvak Census Area:

Yup'ik (Chevak Cup'ik, General Central Yup'ik, Hooper Bay Yup'ik, Norton Sound Kotlik Yup'ik, Yukon Yup'ik)

Nome Census Area:

Yup'ik (General Central Yup'ik, Norton Sound Kotlik Yup'ik)

Northwest Arctic Borough:

Inupiat (Northern Inupiat)

Aleutians West Census Area:

Filipino (Tagalog)

Bristol Bay Borough:

Yup'ik (Bristol Bay Yup'ik)

Kodiak Island Borough:

Filipino (Tagalog)

Lake and Peninsula Borough:

Yup'ik (Bristol Bay Yup'ik)

North Slope Borough:

Inupiat (Northern Inupiat)

Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act requires that States like Alaska with a strong Indigenous language speaking population, or Tagalog for example, **must be provide translations in voter instruction and ballots:**

[Sample Ballots - Division of Elections](#)

The Division of Elections has an **Election Language Assistance Compliance** office, find out more on the resources for those who need help with the English materials and instruction here: [About Language Assistance - Division of Elections](#).

They are always looking for speakers to help with translations throughout the year, as well as bilingual poll workers and bilingual outreach workers!

ACCESS VOTING TABLETS

For voters who are deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, or need language assistance, bookmark this page: [PowerPoint Presentation](#) and ask to use the Tablet at the polls. These tablets are generally underused in remote precincts. They look like large iPads or similar tablets, but they are not connected to the internet and operate entirely on their own. A **Youth at the Booth** could be especially helpful with this technology. Let's encourage our 16- and 17-year-old teens to apply—they would likely be great at helping voters, especially our Elders in their community who may need additional assistance.

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-workers/>

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS AUGUST 8!

[ALASKA - ABA Online](#) You may end up traveling or encounter circumstances where you won't be able to vote between 7 am and 8 pm at your polling station on Election Day.

You do not need a reason to have a Vote By Mail ballot in Alaska, and even though we experience USPS challenges in mail service, it's always good to have a back-up.

You will need 2 stamps to mail it back. Make sure you have the postal worker date stamp the envelope, so it is officially “postmarked” by close of business on August 18, Election Day. You can also drop it off with an Absentee Voting Official in your community, a **city clerk** <https://www.facebook.com/BuildBackAK/>, or any polling site in the state – those ballot boxes are considered part of the State’s “Chain of Custody.”



LAST MINUTE VOTING

Last minute voting is best done by getting in line by 8 p.m. in person - but you can apply for an “**online or fax**” **ballot** delivery by 5 p.m. on August 17. Don't let that option fool you, YOU MUST have access to a printer, a scanner, and email / fax or post office capacity.

[Facebook.com/GetOutTheNativeVote](https://www.facebook.com/GetOutTheNativeVote) has the most current information available and information on utilizing this voting option will be available before the deadline.



SPECIAL NEEDS VOTING

You will need a trusted representative to go to the polling place with some form of your ID to “check-out” your ballot by:

1. Filling out a form and signing it
2. Bring it to you to vote on
3. Fill out the ballot and provide other required information
4. Return it to the precinct staff before 8 pm.

AFN'S REGIONAL VOTER TOOLKITS!

The Native Vote Initiative broke down election cycle deadlines and listed resources for Interior, Southwest, Southeast, Southcentral, and Northern here: [Resources | Alaska Federation of Natives](#). You will also find handy links to everything covered in this presentation and more.

PUBLIC INITIATIVES AND BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Public initiatives and ballot propositions are one way of going about creating a law without having to go through the Alaska Legislature. With enough support from each region, an idea is qualified by the Division of Elections to be voted on. Essentially, we all become the legislature and vote on whether it should become law. There is one ballot measure in the Primary that needs at least 51% of the vote to move on to the midterm ballot. **From the Alaska Beacon:**

The first ballot measure, [23RCF2](#), seeks to increase limits on campaign contributions to campaigns for state and local offices.

If passed, individuals would be able to donate \$2,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to political parties. Groups that are not political parties could give \$4,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to another group or political party. Individuals could also give \$4,000 to joint campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor, and groups could give \$8,000. Campaign contribution limits would increase with inflation every 10 years starting in 2031.

This ballot measure was sponsored by former Alaska attorney general and former Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, Trail Breaker Kennel owner David Monson and Representative Calvin Schrage, I-Anchorage.

WHY ARE JUDGES ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT?

Why are Judges on the general election ballot? Judges don't "run" for office like candidate for Governor does, so that's why you don't see them campaigning. But, like other public servants, they need to be "retained" with at least 51% of the vote. A vote YES for a Judge keeps them in service. A vote NO is a way to remove them from service if they are not performing their job. **To learn more about why it's important to retain impartial judges that rule fairly and equally and follow the law, go to:** [Home | Alaskans for Fair Courts](#)

WHAT IS GOTNV?

GOTNV is a nonpartisan voter education and outreach program. It is not our mission to tell people who to vote for or how to vote on a ballot initiative. **Our mission is to reduce barriers to voting, provide accurate election information, and encourage every eligible voter to participate so our government is more representative of the people it serves.**



YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

There's a phrase often used in civic engagement: "**Nothing About Us Without Us.**"

When we vote, our voices are present in the minds of the lawmakers making decisions on our behalf. Voting gives our communities a seat at the table and ensures our experiences, values, and priorities are part of the conversation.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

When we choose not to vote—as current participation trends show—we leave those decisions to others who may not understand or share our lived experiences. **Voting is how we own our power, strengthen our communities, and help shape the future for the next generation.**



RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The **Alaska Beacon**, the **Anchorage Daily News** and **Alaska Public Media** will publish their Primary Guide on all candidates this coming Monday, August 3.

The Native Vote Initiative is coming up with a **candidate guide for the Midterms**.

LET'S GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE!



QUESTIONS?

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Websites:

<https://aknativevote.com/>

<https://nativefederation.org/voting-resources>

[Facebook.com/GetOutTheNativeVote](https://www.facebook.com/GetOutTheNativeVote)