

State of Alaska

Ballot Measure Pamphlet



Primary Election

August 18, 2026



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Help Your Community!

If you'd like to get paid to serve your community.....

If you enjoy spending time with your neighbors and meeting new people.....

If you like helping people exercise their right to vote.....

Sign up to be a poll worker!

Each election cycle the regional election offices appoint hundreds of poll workers.

If you would like to be a poll worker, contact the regional office closest to you.

(Office locations are on the back of this pamphlet)

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Candidates, Primaries - AS 15.58.020(c)(1)

In each race, you may vote for any candidate listed. The four candidates who receive the most votes for a state office, United States senator, or United States representative will advance to the general election. However, if, after the primary election and 64 days or more before the general election, one of the four candidates who received the most votes for an office at the primary election dies, withdraws, resigns, is disqualified, or is certified as incapacitated, the candidate who received the fifth most votes for the office will advance to the general election.

Each candidate may designate the political party or political group that the candidate is registered as affiliated with. A candidate's political party or political group designation on a ballot does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or group or that the party or group approves of or associates with that candidate;

Disclaimer for the Official Election Pamphlet

The Alaska Division of Elections is responsible for conducting all state and federal elections in Alaska and for providing voter registration.

Our mission is to ensure public confidence in the electoral process by administering voter registration and elections with the highest level of professional standards, integrity, security, accuracy, and fairness.

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The Division of Elections itself is a neutral and impartial agency and is prohibited from authoring or changing the text of any provided submissions that meet the statutory requirements. The Official Election Pamphlet is meant to inform voters of what they are being asked to vote on and allow each voter to make an informed decision before casting a vote.

Voting Information

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Polling Places

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To look up your polling place visit (<https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov> or <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/poll-locator>) or call 1-866-952-8683.

Bring Identification to the Polls

You **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification. You may use the following ID:

- Voter ID Card
- Current and valid photo ID Card
- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- Passport
- Hunting or Fishing License
- State ID Card
- Military ID Card

Alternatively, you may use an original copy of one of the following documents if it contains your name and current address:

- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Other Government Document
- Government Check
- Paycheck
- Tribal ID

What Happens if Your Name is not on Register

If your name does not appear on the precinct register or if you do not have identification, you will be required to vote a questioned ballot. Your voted ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then sealed inside a completed questioned ballot envelope. The information you provide on the outside of the questioned ballot envelope will be used to determine your voting eligibility and to update your voter registration. If for any reason your questioned ballot is not fully counted, you will be notified in writing.

Marking the Ballot

When voting the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue you wish to vote for. Fill in the oval like this: 

You only have to mark the races or issues you choose to vote for. If you mark more than one choice in a race or issue, that section of the ballot will **NOT** be counted. The sections of the ballot that are properly marked will be counted.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, **DO NOT** erase or correct the ballot. You may return the spoiled ballot to an election worker and request a new ballot. If you attempt to correct a mistake on the ballot, the corrected vote may not be counted. **Note:** *You may only receive a replacement for a spoiled ballot 3 times.*

Campaigning Prohibited

Campaigning is not allowed within 200 feet of any entrance to a polling place during the hours the polls are open. This includes any discussions about candidates or issues appearing on the ballot or displaying campaign items such as, but not limited to, hats, shirts, signs, bumper stickers or buttons.

Voter Assistance and Concerns

Assistance While Voting

If you need language or other assistance during the voting process, you may have a person of your choice help you. That person may not be your employer, an agent of your employer or an agent of your union. You can have help during each step of the voting process, including inside the voting booth with reading or marking the ballot. Election workers at the polling place are available to help you as well. This is your right under federal law.

Language Assistance

Under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, the Division of Elections provides language assistance to voters with limited English proficiency who are fluent in Alaska Native languages or Tagalog. On Election Day, bilingual election workers are available at required polling places to assist voters with the voting process, including explaining voting procedures and translating ballot materials as needed.

In communities covered by the Toyukak Settlement, bilingual outreach workers are also available prior to Election Day. These workers provide announcements, share election information within their communities, and assist voters with election-related activities such as voter registration, absentee voting, and understanding the information contained in this pamphlet.

If you need the name of the individual providing language assistance in your community, please contact the Division of Elections. Any voter may access language assistance by calling toll-free 1-866-954-8683.

Voting Tablet

On Election Day, each polling place has a voting tablet. The voting tablet is intended for the blind, disabled, and for voters who do not read well. It allows voters to vote unassisted using magnified, high contrast and audio ballots. In designated areas where there are limited English proficient voters, the voting tablet also has an audio translation of the ballot in Alaska Native Languages and Tagalog for applicable regions. Voting an audio ballot may take 15 – 20 minutes. If you need to vote using the voting tablet device, let the election board know.

Visually Impaired Voters

In addition to the voting tablet at each polling place, magnifying ballot viewers are available at all polling places and absentee voting sites. Audio recording of this pamphlet is available from the Alaska State Library, Talking Book Center, located in Juneau and on the Division of Elections website. Call the library at (907) 465-1315 for information.

Hearing Impaired Voters

For questions, you may contact the Division of Elections through our TTY telecommunications device by calling (907) 465-3020.

Physically Disabled Voters

If you have difficulty gaining access to your polling place, or if you have questions about the accessibility of your polling place, please contact the Division of Elections. We make every effort to ensure that polling places are accessible to all Alaskans.

Concerns, Comments, Questions

If you have any concerns, comments, or questions, please contact a Division of Elections Office.

Director's Office

(907) 465-4611
Toll Free: 1-866-952-8683

Region I

Juneau: (907) 465-3021
Toll Free: 1-866-948-8683

Region II

Anchorage: (907) 522-8683
Toll Free: 1-866-958-8683

Region III

Fairbanks: (907) 451-2835
Toll Free: 1-866-959-8683

Region IV

Nome: (907) 443-5285
Toll Free: 1-866-953-8683

Region V

Mat-Su: (907) 373-8952
Toll Free: 1-844-428-8952

Language Assistance

Toll Free: 1-866-954-8683

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Language assistance is available on Election Day. The 2021 Section 203 determinations and the Toyukak Settlement require the Division provide language assistance in the following languages and dialects:

- Bristol Bay Yup'ik
- Chevak Cup'ik
- General Central Yup'ik
- Hooper Bay Yup'ik
- Norton Sound Kotlik Yup'ik
- Nunivak Cup'ig
- Yukon Yup'ik
- Northern Inupiaq
- Tagalog

To access online language assistance, visit **www.elections.alaska.gov**. Available translated materials include:

- Ballot Measure Pamphlet (BMP)/Official Election Pamphlet (OEP)
- Sample Ballots
- Ranked Choice Voting Educational Materials
- Voter Registration Forms
- Written Glossaries
- And More!



Absentee Voting

If you do not want to go to your polling place to vote on Election Day, the following options are available.

Voting at an Absentee Voting Site

Beginning **August 3, 2026**, you may vote at an absentee voting site. Ballots for all 40 districts are available at designated voting locations. In addition, there are many other voting sites throughout Alaska that will have ballots for the community's house district. For more information or for a list of absentee voting locations visit our website at www.elections.alaska.gov/avo/ or contact a Regional Elections office.

Voting By-Mail or Electronic Transmission

To vote by-mail or electronic transmission, you must submit an application.

Receiving a Ballot By-Mail

You must complete an absentee ballot application to receive a ballot in the mail. **Your application MUST be received by August 8, 2026, to receive a ballot for the Primary Election.** Apply early to ensure timely delivery of your ballot. When returning your voted ballot, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Receiving a Ballot By Electronic Transmission

There are two ways to vote by electronic transmission. You may apply for a ballot to be sent to you by FAX or online delivery. **For the Primary Election, you may apply between the dates of August 3, 2026 through 5:00pm Alaska Time on August 17, 2026.** Your voted ballot may only be returned by mail or by fax. If you return your voted ballot by fax, it must be received no later than 8:00pm Alaska time on Election Day. If you return your voted ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Voters are encouraged to apply paperless using the division's online absentee ballot application system, <https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/>. It saves time, paper and postage!

If you have questions about voting by mail or electronic transmission, please contact the Absentee Office at (907) 270-2700 or Toll Free 1-877-375-6508.

Special Needs Voting

If you are unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability, you may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to you beginning 15 days before an election at an absentee voting site or on Election Day at the polling place. Your personal representative can be anyone, except a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

For more information about absentee voting, contact any Division of Elections office or visit our website at:

www.elections.alaska.gov

Alaska Absentee Ballot Application – For Federal and State Elections

Elections:	1	☐ All in Calendar Year ☐ Primary (August) ☐ General (November) ☐ REAA (October) ☐ Special			
Eligibility: If you answer 'No' to either question, you cannot register.	2	Are you a citizen of the United States? (Noncitizen U.S. Nationals are not eligible) ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you at least 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18 th birthday? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Print your name:	3	_____ Last First Middle Suffix			
Other information:	4	Former name (if changed): _____ Voter number (if known) _____			
Alaska residence address: Provide an Alaska residence address. Do not use PO, PSC, HC and Box or out-of-state address.	5	House # Street Name Apt # City Alaska State ☐ *Keep my residence address confidential. Mailing address in 6 MUST be different than residence in 5.			
The address where you receive mail (Permanent):	6	_____ _____ _____			
Identifiers: You <u>MUST</u> provide <u>ONE</u> :	7	_____ _____ *SSN or Last 4 *Alaska driver's license or State ID ☐ I do not have a SSN or AK driver's license or State ID			
Birthdate and Sex: You <u>MUST</u> provide <u>Birthdate</u> :	8	*Birthdate _____ Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female			
Political party affiliation:	9	Write political affiliation (For options, see instructions): _____			
Cancel registration in another state	10	City: State: County:			
Military and Overseas Voters: Check your status.	11	☐ Active member of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, or commissioned corps or an eligible spouse or dependent. ☐ OR I am residing temporarily or permanently overseas and I intend to return to Alaska.			
Ballot Delivery Method: Select your ballot delivery method. Note: Military or overseas voters may select either Mail, Online, or Fax	12	Online or fax options are not available to civilian (non-military/overseas) voters until 15-days prior to election day. Prior to this date, if selected, your ballot will be mailed to you. ☐ Mail – Complete box 14 ☐ Online – Complete box 15 ☐ Fax – Complete box 15			
In remote Alaska or overseas?	13	☐ Yes, I will be in remote Alaska or overseas where mail service is limited. If yes, a 45-day advance ballot will be mailed to you.			
Ballot mailing address: Ballots <u>WILL NOT</u> be forwarded. Provide an address where you will receive mail.	14	_____ _____ _____ _____			
Contact information: Include all state & international prefixes.	15	*Phone: _____ *Fax: _____ *Email: _____			
Certificate Read and Sign: <u>Your signature must be handwritten.</u> A typed or digital signature is not valid. *Items are kept confidential and are not available for public inspection except that confidential addresses may be released to government agencies or during election processes as set out in state law.	16	I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, I am not requesting a ballot from any other state, and I am not voting in any other manner in this (these) election(s). I further certify that I am an Alaska resident and that I have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state, or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration. <u>WARNING: If you provide false information on this application you can be convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor. (AS 15.56.040; AS 15.56.050)</u> *Signature: _____ Date: _____			



Alaska Absentee Ballot Application for State and Federal Elections

- Check the status of your absentee ballot application at myvoterportal.alaska.gov.

Apply for a federal and state absentee ballot

Use this form at the same time to:

- Request an absentee ballot.
- Register to vote.
- Change your registration information.

To register you must be

- A United States citizen. Noncitizens and Noncitizen Nationals are not eligible to register to vote.
- A resident of Alaska.
- 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18th birthday.
- When registering to vote, your identity must be verified. Submit a copy of your current driver's license, state ID, passport, birth certificate, hunting and fishing license or current and valid photo ID with your application.

Ballots will NOT be forwarded

- Provide a permanent mailing address.
- Provide a ballot mailing address where you will receive mail. If you do not provide a ballot mailing address, your ballot will be sent to your permanent mailing address.

Identifiers and contact

- You MUST provide ONE identifier and your birthdate.
- Provide a contact telephone number and/or email information. If there is a problem with your application, we will contact you.

Alaska residence address

- Provide an Alaska residence address. Your application will be denied if you provide an out-of-state address, PO Box, HC number and box, rural route, commercial address, mail stop address, etc.

Temporarily out-of-state and intent to return?

- You may maintain your Alaska residence address at the address you lived at prior to leaving Alaska or where you are currently registered in Alaska. *Active military members and spouses, you are exempt from the intent to return to Alaska requirement.*

Military or overseas?

- When requesting a by-fax or online delivery ballot, your application must be received by 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time the day prior to a primary, general, or statewide election.
- Be sure to provide your fax number or email address when requesting a fax or online delivery ballot.
- Overseas citizens, if you do not intend to return to Alaska and wish to participate in federal elections, please contact our office listed under 'Questions?' to receive the correct application.

Ballot Delivery Method

- Military and overseas voters in box 11 can select any option at any time for primary, general, and statewide special elections.
- Civilian voters may not choose the online or fax option until 15 days prior to election day.
- If a civilian voter selects online or fax prior to 15 days, the ballot delivery method will automatically be sent by-mail.

Questions?

- Call us:
907-270-2700
877-375-6508 (toll free in U.S.)
- Email us:
akabsentee@alaska.gov
- Visit our website:
elections.alaska.gov

Deadlines

- Already registered? Your application must be received 10 days before an election.
- Registering to vote? To vote in an election, your application must be postmarked or received 30 days prior to an election, except in a presidential election.
- In a presidential election, you may register and vote the presidential race so long as your request for a by-mail ballot is received 10 days prior to the election.

Political Affiliations

- You may indicate your political affiliation. If you do not choose a political affiliation, you will be registered as undeclared. Alaska political affiliation choices are as follows:
 - **Recognized Political Parties:** Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party, Alaska Republican Party
 - **Political Groups:** Alaska Constitution Party, Green Party of Alaska, UCES' Clowns Party, Veterans Party of Alaska, Alaskan Party, Conservative Party USA, Reform Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Party
 - **Other:** Nonpartisan (not affiliated with a political party or group), Undeclared (do not wish to declare a political affiliation)

Submit your application

- Mail your application:
Division of Elections
Absentee and Petition Office
3651 Penland Pkwy, Floor 2
Anchorage AK 99508-2034
- Fax your application:
907-677-9943
855-677-9943 (toll free in U.S.)
- Email your application:
akabsentee@alaska.gov

Polling Places

Voters participating in the August 18, 2026, Primary Election can vote in person on Election Day at polling place locations, or through early and absentee voting opportunities. Voters planning to receive a ballot in the mail must submit an absentee ballot application to the division by August 8, 2026.

How to Find Your Polling Place

If you are not sure where your assigned polling location is, you have the following options:

- Look up your polling place by entering your information online at:

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

- Or search for a polling location using your residence address:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/poll-locator/>

- Or browse the list of all polling place locations at:

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

- Or call your regional elections office:

Region I – Juneau

House Districts 1 - 6

(907) 465-3021 or Toll Free 1-866-948-8683

Region II – Anchorage

House Districts 9 - 24

(907) 522-8683 or Toll Free 1-866-958-8683

Region III – Fairbanks

House Districts 31 - 36

(907) 451-2835 or Toll Free 1-866-959-8683

Region IV – Nome

House Districts 37 - 40

(907) 443-5285 or Toll Free 1-866-953-8683

Region V - Wasilla

House Districts 7 - 8, 25 - 30

Phone: (907) 373-8952 or Toll Free 1-844-428-8952

You can also see if you are registered and check your registration information online at <https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/>

**Alaska could not VOTE
without Election Workers and
we appreciate all they do!**



The Division of Elections must recruit and train thousands of Poll Workers, Board Members, and more throughout the state.

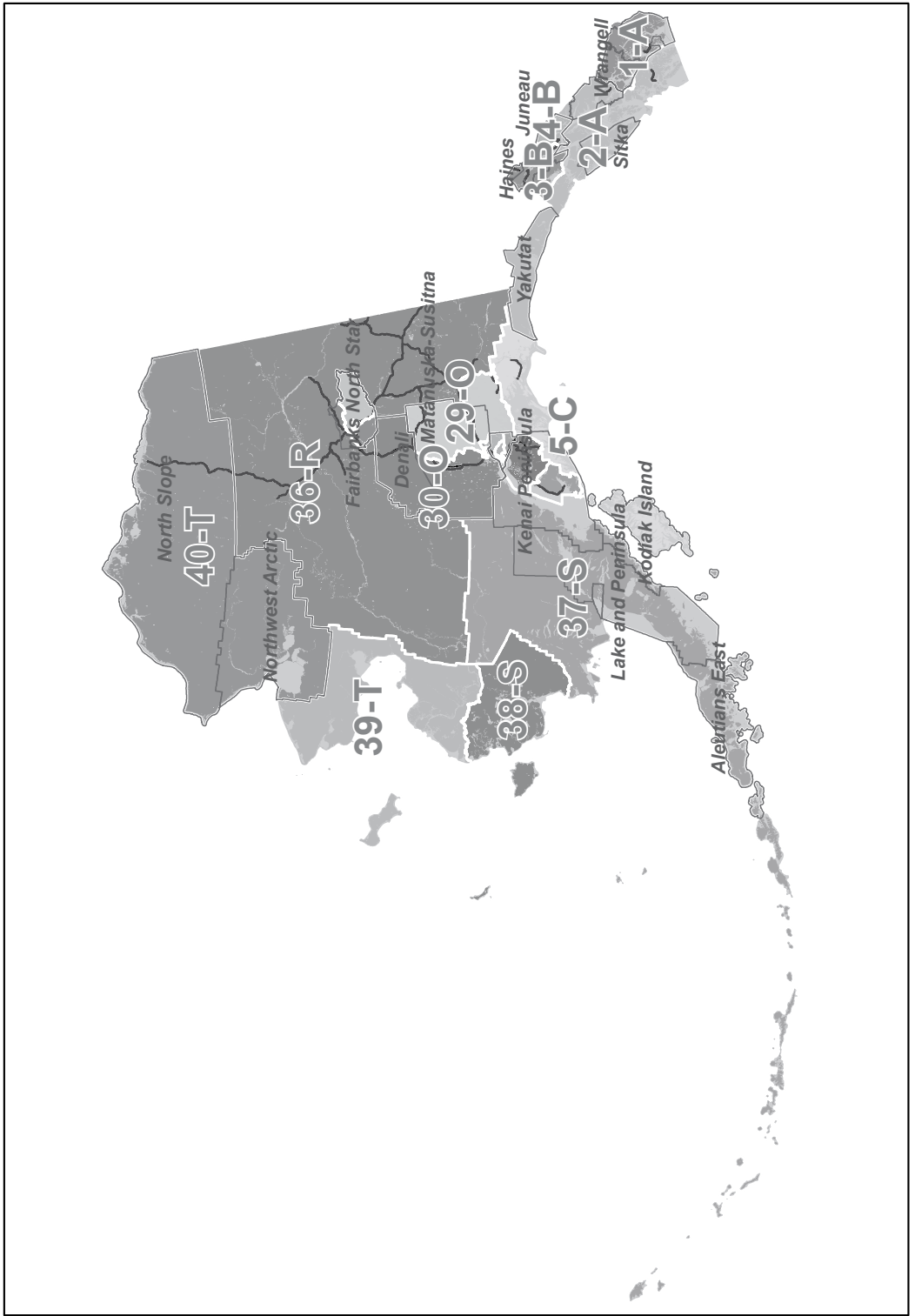


**Visit elections.alaska.gov/election-workers
to learn more about how you can help.**



May 2023 Board Proclamation Statewide

Redistricting Plan Adopted by the Alaska Redistricting Board 05/15/2023



Based on 2020 Census Geography and 2020 PL94-171 Data; Map Gallery link: www.akredistrict.org/maps

Primary Election Voter Turnout

Statehood – 2024

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Actual Votes Cast in Primary Election	% of Registered Voters who Voted in Primary
1958		46,929*	
1960		40,307*	
1962		41,140	
1964		33,728	
1966		53,667	
1968		54,589	
1970		72,414	
1972		57,141	
1974		84,585	
1976	187,803	55,233	29.4%
1978	224,118	108,057	48.2%
1980	242,898	102,409	42.2%
1982	241,264	139,133	57.7%
1984	278,443	97,837	35.1%
1986	279,743	150,768	53.9%
1988	272,420	116,663	42.8%
1990	283,826	144,373	50.9%
1992	296,461	124,026	41.8%
1994	325,260	116,117	35.7%
1996	405,397	122,866	30.3%
1998	446,200	109,906	24.6%
2000	460,321	79,145	17.2%
2002	453,248	114,740	25.3%
2004	457,825	129,145	28.2%
2006	459,364	160,847	35.02%
2008	476,472	193,533	40.62%
2010	487,456	164,047	33.65%
2012	496,952	125,937	25.34%
2014	494,900	193,097	39.02%
2016	515,714	88,817	17.22%
2018	566,790	115,727	20.42%
2020	588,341	133,569	22.70%
2022	598,769	192,542	32.16%
2024	605,782	108,906	17.99%

Note: The number of registered voters in Alaska (for Primary election) from 1958-1974 are unavailable. Therefore, percentages of voters who voted in Primary Elections before 1976 cannot be determined.

2026 Primary Election

Ballot Measure No. 1

Initiative 23RCF2

*An Act restoring campaign contribution limits for campaigns for state and local office.

The following pages include the information below:

- Ballot Language
- Neutral Summary Prepared by Legislative Affairs Agency
- Statement of Costs
- Full Text of the Law
- Statement in Support
- Statement in Opposition

Remember to Vote

August 18, 2026





State of Alaska Official Ballot
August 18, 2026
Primary Election
Top Four Pick one Primary

House District XX

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)
☐ Candidate (Registered w/a Party or Group)	☐ Candidate (Registered w/a Party or Group)

Sample Ballot

Continue Voting on Next Side

Governor / Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)	Ballot Measure No. 1 23RCF2 - An Act Limiting Contributions to Campaigns
☐ Candidate (Registered w/a Party or Group)	This act would change the amount of money that people and groups can give to state and local political campaigns. A court ruling in 2021 removed the limits on contributions by individuals. With this act, individuals could give \$2,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to political parties. Groups besides political parties could give \$4,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to other parties or groups. Individuals could also give \$4,000 to joint campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor, and groups could give \$8,000. These limits would increase with inflation every ten years beginning in 2031. Should this initiative become law? ☐ YES ☐ NO
State Senator District A (Vote for one)	
☐ Candidate (Registered w/a Party or Group)	
State Representative District 1 (Vote for one)	
☐ Candidate (Registered w/a Party or Group)	

Sample Ballot

Continue Voting on Next Side



Ballot Measure No. 1

Restoring Alaska’s Campaign Finance Limits Initiative

Ballot Language

Ballot Measure No. 1 – 23RCF2 An Act Limiting Contributions to Campaigns
This act would change the amount of money that people and groups can give to state and local political campaigns. A court ruling in 2021 removed the limits on contributions by individuals. With this act, individuals could give \$2,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to political parties. Groups besides political parties could give \$4,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to other parties or groups. Individuals could also give \$4,000 to joint campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor, and groups could give \$8,000. These limits would increase with inflation every ten years beginning in 2031. Should this initiative become law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Legislative Affairs Agency Summary

The bill sets limits on campaign donations. The bill applies to both state and local elections. Under the bill, a person may give a candidate \$2,000 each election cycle. A person may give a joint campaign for the governor’s office \$4,000 each cycle. A person may give a political party or a group \$5,000 a year. A group may give a candidate \$4,000 each cycle. A group may give a joint campaign for the governor’s office \$8,000 each cycle. A group may give a group or an organization \$5,000 a year. An organization may give a candidate \$4,000 each cycle. An organization may give an organization or a group \$5,000 a year. The bill provides for the limits to keep pace with inflation. The bill makes clear that the limits do not apply to a donation made to a group that only makes independent expenditures. The bill does not apply to a donation made before the bill takes effect.

Ballot Measure No. 1

Restoring Alaska’s Campaign Finance Limits Initiative

Statement of Costs

Multi Agency Cost Summary

Agency	Cost
Alaska Public Offices Commission	\$0
Office of the Lieutenant Governor	\$15,000
Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Division of Elections	\$105,503
TOTAL	\$120,503

Estimate of Costs to the Alaska Public Offices Commission

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(4), the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) has prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative.

The proposed initiative seeks to impose political campaign contribution limits and calls for inflation-proofing the limits, by regulation, every 10 years. Although the initiative would require filer education and outreach activities, APOC does not anticipate additional costs associated with those activities.

Estimate of Costs to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Elections

As required by AS 15.45.090(a)(3), the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Elections have prepared the following statement of costs to implement the proposed ballot initiative.

Lieutenant Governor

Under Alaska Statute 15.45.195, at least 30 days before the election at which an initiative is to appear on the ballot, the lieutenant governor or a designee of the lieutenant governor shall hold two or more public hearings concerning the initiative in each judicial district of the state. Each public hearing under this section shall include the written or oral testimony of one supporter and one opponent of the initiative.

<u>Estimated cost of travel for Lt. Governor and one staff member</u>	\$15,000
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Division of Elections

The minimum cost to the Division of Elections associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition, excluding legal costs to the state and the costs to the state of any challenge to the validity of the petition, is estimated to be \$105,503.

Six temporary employees will be required to review signatures for 2,520 hours at an estimated cost of \$52,793 and certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition estimated for 504 hours will cost an estimated \$21,674. Printing service expenses associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition will require \$1,420 for the printing of voter booklets.

Estimated cost of translating the ballot measure language for audio and sample ballots, an Official Election Pamphlet pro statement, Official Election Pamphlet con statement, and Official Election Pamphlet neutral summary into languages required by the Toyukak Settlement and Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, will require an estimated \$29,616.

Estimate by Category

Petition Review	\$74,467
Petition Printing Services	\$1,420
Language Translations of Initiative Text	\$29,616
TOTAL	\$105,503

Ballot Measure No. 1

Restoring Alaska's Campaign Finance Limits Initiative

Full Text of Proposed Law

RESTORING ALASKA'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITS INITIATIVE

AN INITIATIVE TO: RE-ESTABLISH CAMPAIGN DONATION LIMITS FOR STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

A BILL BY INITIATIVE For an Act Entitled:

"An Act restoring campaign contribution limits for campaigns for state and local office."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a section to read:

FINDINGS AND INTENT. The People of the State of Alaska find:

(1) The people of Alaska believe that political power and influence with public officials should not be allocated solely based on wealth. Instead, reasonable limits on the amount of campaign contributions are necessary to secure equal rights for Alaskans and to preserve the integrity of our elections.

Section 2. AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

(b) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, an** [AN] individual may contribute not more than

(1) **\$2,000 each election cycle** [\$500 PER YEAR] to a nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate [OR TO A GROUP THAT IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY];

(2) \$5,000 a [PER] year to a political party **or other group.**

Section 3. AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

(c) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] group that is not a political party may contribute not more than

(1) **\$4,000 each election cycle** [\$1,000 PER YEAR (1)] to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

(2) **\$5,000 each year** to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a political party

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Section 4. AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

(f) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] nongroup entity may contribute not more than

(1) **\$4,000 each election cycle** [\$1,000 A YEAR] to another nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

(2) **\$5,000 each year** [,] to a group [,] or to a political party.

Section 5. AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

(g) Where contributions are made to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor,

(1) an individual may contribute not more than **\$4,000 each election cycle** [\$1,000 PER YEAR]; and

(2) a group may contribute not more than **\$8,000 each election cycle** [\$2,000 PER YEAR].

Section 6. AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) In order to comply with federal caselaw, the contribution limits provided under (b) (1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section do not apply to an individual, group, or nongroup entity contributing to a group or nongroup entity that makes only independent expenditures.

(i) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2031 and every 10 years thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding 10-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

Section 7. AS 15.13.110(i) is amended to read:

(i) During **an election cycle** [A CAMPAIGN PERIOD], the commission may not change the manner or format in which reports required of a candidate under this chapter must be filed. [IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CAMPAIGN PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE THAT A CANDIDATE BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND ENDING ON THE DATE THAT A FINAL REPORT FOR THAT SAME CAMPAIGN MUST BE FILED.]

Section 8. AS 15.13.400 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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(20) "election cycle" means the period beginning on the date that a candidate becomes eligible to receive campaign contributions under this chapter and ending on the date that a final report for that same campaign must be filed.

Section 9. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. This Act does not apply to contributions made to influence the outcome of any election that occurred on or before the effective date of this Act.

SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Act are independent and severable. If any provision of this Act or the applicability of any provision to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected and shall be given effect to the fullest extent possible.

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Statement in SUPPORT

Summary

Today, individuals from anywhere in the country can donate unlimited funds directly to candidates in Alaska's local and state elections. This means that the floodgates are open for wealthy and special interests, particularly those from the Lower 48 who may not share Alaskan values, to drown out the voices of everyday Alaskans.

When a single donor can spend hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of dollars on a single candidate, it creates a dangerous environment. It not only grants undue influence to the ultra-wealthy, but also exposes our elected officials to the risk and perception of quid pro quo corruption. Alaskans from all across our state placed this initiative on the ballot because we believe our elections should belong to us, not to the highest bidder. By voting YES, you are choosing to reinstate fair, reasonable, and constitutional campaign contribution limits.

History

For decades, Alaska was a national leader in campaign finance integrity. In 2006, 73% of Alaskan voters confirmed these values by supporting strict contribution limits to keep "big money" from dominating our political landscape. These limits ensured that the voices of ordinary Alaskans were on the same footing as wealthy and special interests and in turn, heard by their representatives. But, that changed in 2021 when a federal court struck down Alaska's voter-approved campaign contribution limits – resulting in elections where a donor can give unlimited amounts directly to candidates. Without these guardrails, wealthy individuals and special interests can have an oversized impact and shift a candidate's focus away from the constituents they are supposed to serve.

What the Initiative Does

The Campaign Finance Reform Initiative (23RCF2) restores balance to our system. It establishes a framework that allows candidates to raise necessary campaign funds while preventing any one individual or group from buying an outsized influence. Specifically, this initiative:

- **Establishes Clear Limits:** It sets a contribution limit of up to \$2,000 per election cycle from an individual to a candidate, and up to \$4,000 from a group (these limits are doubled for gubernatorial races).
- **Equalizes the Playing Field:** It shifts the contribution structure to a per-election cycle basis rather than a per-calendar year basis. This ensures that new challengers are on a level playing field with incumbents who often begin fundraising years in advance.
- **Provides Inflation Adjustments:** It directs the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust these limits for inflation, ensuring the limits remain reasonable and constitutional over time.

Conclusion

This initiative addresses judicial concerns while reflecting what Alaskans have consistently demanded: fair elections and representatives who answer to voters. This initiative does not favor any specific party; it simply ensures that everyone plays by the same rules.

Vote YES to protect Alaskan voices, restore Alaska's tradition of accountability, and keep our elected officials focused on the people who live and work in Alaska, not on outside mega-donors and special interests.

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STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION

Prop 1 wants you to think it is for “fairness,” but it actually limits your right to support the causes you believe in. While the goal is to change how much money people can give to campaigns, the actual results would hurt freedom of speech and ignore how the real world works.

Protecting Your Voice

Campaign contributions are a form of political speech. To limit someone's ability to support a candidate is to limit their voice in the democratic process. In 2021, a court ruled that individuals should not have these types of limits on their donations. This is because giving money to a candidate is a way of expressing a political opinion. By putting a cap back on individual donations, this act makes it harder for regular people to have a big impact.

When we limit how much people can give, we make it harder for new or “outsider” candidates to raise enough money to get their message out and we give a leg up to incumbents. This kind of cap helps only those politicians who are already in power. Supreme Court decisions like *Citizens United* have shown that the government shouldn't be capping political support, yet this initiative tries to do exactly that.

Reintroducing new caps creates a “pay-to-play” barrier where only those who already possess significant name recognition can thrive, effectively silencing the grassroots support necessary for insurgent or unconventional candidates.

The Inflation Problem

Another major issue is how the act handles the rising cost of living, or inflation. The initiative says these limits will only go up once every ten years. A decade-long freeze on contribution limits is an eternity.

- **Value Drops Every Year:** As inflation rises, the real-world value of a capped donation today will buy much less than in five years.
- **Rising Costs:** Just to maintain the same purchasing power, candidates will be forced to spend more time fundraising and less time talking with voters and working on important policies.
- **Long Wait Times:** Waiting until 2031 to adjust these numbers for the first time is simply too long in a fast-changing economy. Do any of us think our household or businesses expenses will be the same five years from now?

Voters should reject Initiative Prop 1. It is an act that favors the status quo and special interests, ignores the protection of free speech, and fails to account for the rapid pace of our economy. We should be encouraging more participation in our democracy, not drafting laws that make it harder for citizens to be heard.

As former legislators, we believe that Prop 1 is a step in the wrong direction for Alaska. This statement is supported by former state Senators David Wilson and Edna DeVries, alongside former state Representatives Liz Vazquez, Ben Carpenter, and Larry Baker. Join us in voting NO.

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