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## Overview of Alaska Voter Roll and Preclearance Data

### PILF Voter Integrity Database Findings (2020)

Overview: In the 2020 election cycle, PILF undertook a national voter database program capable of comparing state voter rolls against each other and to government or other commercial data assets for deeper studies. In the Fall of 2020, PILF released a national report, including multiple metrics directly related to Alaska.

- Number of **deceased registrants** per Social Security Death Index: 318 (38<sup>th</sup> in US)
  - # deceased registrants credited for **voting in 2018G**: 61
  - # deceased registrants credited for **voting in 2016G**: 60
- Number of **same address duplicates** credited for voting in 2018G: 190
- Number of **same address duplicates** credited for voting in 2016G: 209
- Number of **interstate duplicates** credited for **casting two votes** in 2018G: 21
  - AK-WA (5), AK-TX (3), AK-AZ (2), AK-GA (2), AK-FL (1), AK-IA (1), AK-ID (1), AK-MI (1), AK-MS (1), AK-NV (1), AK-SC (1), AK-TN (1), AK-VA (1)
- Number of votes cast from apparently **non-residential addresses** in the 2018G: 565

The following datasets reflect voter registration list maintenance action summaries for the State of Alaska dating back to January 2011

Voter Roll Removals by Reason, Election Cycle					
	2020	2018	2016	2014	2012
<b>Moved</b>	3,691	4,450	5,311	14,573	4,140
<b>Death</b>	8,485	7,997	7,407	6,626	5,225
<b>Felon</b>	1,869	1,094	62	796	0
<b>2-Cycle Wait</b>	30,358	30,585	29,705	35,504	15,480
<b>Mental</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Self-Request</b>	8,729	7,611	2,082	2,265	787
<b>Confirmation Notices</b>	91,667	122,433	24,835	40,474	29,452

Voter Registration Totals on Election Day		%
<b>2020</b>	646,093	118%
<b>2018</b>	624,467	103%
<b>2016</b>	587,303	<100%
<b>2014</b>	574,441	<100%
<b>2012</b>	579,304	<100%

*Indicates the voter registration rate calculated by U.S. Census total voting age population exceeded 100%*

<b>Absentee Ballot Distribution, Undeliverables Per General Election</b>		
<b>Election</b>	<b>Total Distributed</b>	<b>Returned Undeliverable</b>
<b>2020</b>	121,223	1,639
<b>2018</b>	29,257	667
<b>2016</b>	31,817	680
<b>2014</b>	32,902	938
<b>2012</b>	30,144	616

**Summary of Alaska’s preclearance performance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965**

In the years following preclearance, PILF was successful in extracting via the Freedom of Information Act Alaska’s complete record of total submissions relating to election law policy or procedure changes (“Changes”) per year in contrast to DOJ objections (“Objections”).

	<b>Changes</b>	<b>Objections</b>
1975-1979	29	1
1980-1989	2,193	0
1990-1999	2,178	2
2000-2009	1,946	0
2010-2013	738	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>3</b>

**Sources & Attachments**

*U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Election Administration and Voting Surveys for 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020*

*PILF; H.R. 4: Personnel is Policy (July 2021)*

*ERIC request correspondence (Aug.-Sep. 2021)*