

## How Do I Register to Vote?

Complete and sign a Voter Registration Application. You can register online here: (<http://bit.ly/29IZH6V>) or by returning a completed Voter Registration Application that can be found here :(<http://bit.ly/2a4ac6r>) to a Regional Elections office. You can also complete a form in-person at any Division of Elections office or Division of Motor Vehicle office. Once your application is processed, you will receive a Voter Registration Card in the mail.

To register to vote, you must be: a United States citizen, an Alaska resident, at least 18 years old or within 90 days of your 18th birthday, not be a convicted felon unless your voting rights have been restored, and not be registered to vote in another state. You can check your registration status at [myvoterinformation.alaska.gov](http://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov).

Alaska does not have a closed primary system for its Congressional Primary Elections.

**Republican Party:** Individuals without a party affiliation or registered nonpartisan may vote in the Republican Party primary. They must request the Republican Party ballot at the polling place on Election Day.

**Democratic Party:** Any registered voter may vote in the Democratic Party primary, regardless of whether they are affiliated with a party or which party they affiliate with. They must request a Democratic ballot at the polling place on Election Day.

## Find Your Polling Place:

The State of Alaska, Division of Elections offers a polling place lookup at [myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/](http://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/).

Polling places are open 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. for Primary, General, and Statewide Special Elections.

## Tips for Avoiding Problems:

- » Check your voter registration status and polling place at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov> as early as possible.
- » Vote before Election Day, using early in-person or mail-in voting.
- » If you vote on Election Day, the polls will be busiest before and after work hours.
- » Bring some form of identification if you have it, even if it's not required for most people.
- » Ask for help if you need it.
- » Take your time—it's your vote!

# VOTING IN ALASKA 2016

Register by **October 9, 2016** to vote in the **General Election on November 8, 2016.**

Go to [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov) for more **Voter Information.**

*Problem at the polls? Call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit [866OURVOTE.org](http://866OURVOTE.org)*



## How Do I Vote?

In-person voters must show proof of identity. The following documents may be used for identification:

- » Current, valid photo ID, including: Voter ID card; driver's license; military ID; passport; hunting license; fishing license; or other current and valid photo ID.
- » Other forms of identification that include both your name and your current address, including: a current utility bill or paycheck; a government check or bank statement; or other government issued documents.

After showing identification, you will sign your name on the precinct register.

- » You must vote a questioned ballot if your name is listed incorrectly on the precinct register, if your name does not appear on the precinct register, or if you do not have proper identification.
- » Questioned ballot envelopes are reviewed by a review board to determine if the ballot can be counted prior to opening the envelope.
- » Receive and mark your ballot after signing the precinct register.

Beginning 15 days prior to an election, any qualified registered voters may vote by:

**Absentee Early:** Absentee early voters may vote at a Regional Elections Office in the jurisdiction where the voter is registered. Regional offices are located in Juneau, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks and Nome. A voter is eligible to vote early if the

voter is voting at the Regional Elections Office and if the voter's registration record is active and current. Early voting is available only during Primary, General and Statewide Special Elections.

**In-Person:** Early in-person voters may vote at any Regional Elections Office or absentee voting location. When voting absentee in-person, the voter's eligibility to vote is verified after the voter is issued a ballot. Since the voter's eligibility could not be verified at the time of voting, the voter's voted ballot is placed inside an absentee voting envelope prior to being placed in the ballot box. Locate an Absentee Early Vote and In-Person Voting Location near you at: <http://bit.ly/rtlqs6d>.

**By-Mail Absentee Ballot:** Any qualified registered voter in the State of Alaska may apply for an absentee by mail ballot.

- » If you are a qualified registered voter, the Division of Elections must receive applications no later than 10 days before Election Day. If you need to register to vote, your completed application must be received or postmarked on or before 30 days prior to Election Day.
- » If you need to update your residence address, name or party affiliation, your completed application must be received or postmarked 30 days prior to Election Day in order for your change(s) to be eligible for an election.
- » Applications for absentee ballots can be found at: (<http://bit.ly/2aolEzG>)
- » Send your completed application to the Absentee and Petition Office. You may send your application by mail, fax or email as an attached PDF, TIFF, or JPG file.

» Visit (<http://bit.ly/2a4b3nE>) to obtain the relevant address, email, or fax number for submitting your By-Mail Absentee Ballot.

» Electronic Transmission: Any qualified voter registered in the State of Alaska may apply for an electronic transmission ballot. Electronic transmission ballots may be returned by fax or by secure online delivery system. More information on how to vote by electronic transmission can be found at (<http://bit.ly/2a4b3nE>).

» Note that when returning your ballot by fax, you are waiving your right to a secret ballot and are assuming the risk that a faulty transmission may occur.

» Locate absentee and early in-person voting sites at (<http://bit.ly/29PDOL4>). Hours and dates open may vary depending on the community where the voting site is located.

## Language Assistance

- » You can have anyone assist you in casting your vote including a translator, except a candidate running for office, your employer, your labor union, or any officer or agent of your employer or labor union. The person you choose to assist you may go into the voting booth with you to help you in casting your ballot.
- » For Yup'ik language assistance, you may also call toll free 1-866-954-8683.
- » You can vote before Election Day by mail, in-person, or by electronic transmission.

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