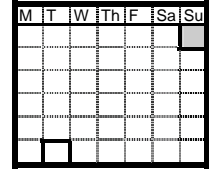


Alaska

Registration Deadline

Forms must be received or postmarked 30 days before an election.¹



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Database Implementation Status

Alaska has used a top-down statewide voter registration database, in which regional offices have direct access to a centralized state system, since 1985.² Alaska intends to engage Diebold Election Systems to update the system.

Entering Voter Registration Information

Who inputs voter registration information? Four regional offices of the state Division of Elections generally enter information from voter registration forms in their jurisdictions into the statewide system.

What happens to voter registration forms submitted at state registration agencies? Forms received by a voter registration agency are sent to the appropriate regional Division of Elections office, or the central state office of the Division of Elections, for review and entry.

How are most forms submitted? Alaska reported that in 2004, 40% of forms were submitted by mail, 25% were submitted in person to election officials, 23% were submitted at the Department of Administration (which keeps Alaska motor vehicle records), and 12% were submitted at another voter registration agency.³

Voter Registration Form

The relevant portions of the voter registration form are included at the end of this section.

Processing of Forms Without Identifying Numbers

How will the state treat an application with an affirmative indication that the applicant has no valid identifying number? The applicant will be assigned a unique voter registration number; if the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered.⁴

How will the state treat an application without an identifying number and without an affirmative indication that the applicant has no such number? If uncorrected (see below), the application will be rejected.⁵

How will the state treat an application listing an identifying number that is either incomplete or illegible? If uncorrected (see below), the application will be rejected.⁶

Matching Against Motor Vehicle and Social Security Records

What fields from the voter registration form will the state seek to match to motor vehicle or Social Security records? Identifying number, full name, and date of birth.

How precise is the match standard? Alaska will use a “substantial match” standard to match information on voter registration forms.

How much human intervention is involved in determining whether information is matched? Alaska’s matching process depends entirely on a manual search.

Description of matching process: Regional Division of Elections officials directly access the database of the Department of Administration (“DOA”), which maintains Alaska’s motor vehicle records. The official will search this database by driver’s license number or SSN, and compare any matching record to the information submitted by the applicant. If the number cannot be matched, the official will search the database by name to see whether a match can be found. If a substantial but not perfect match results, and the official is unsure whether the records represent the same individual, the official is encouraged to attempt to seek out further information. For example, if a name provided on the voter registration application form varies slightly from a name listed with the same identifying number in another state database, the official will follow up with the DOA, or directly with the voter, to clarify whether the two records indeed belong to the same person.

What are the consequences if the state cannot find a match? If uncorrected (see below), and if the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered, but will need to show certain identification at the polls.

Notice and Opportunity to Resolve Errors

Does the applicant have an opportunity to correct a missing or incomplete identifying number, without submitting a new form? No. The applicant may submit a new form with correct information before the voter registration deadline.⁷

Does the applicant have an opportunity to resolve a failed match, without submitting a new form? Yes. The applicant may submit information to resolve a failed match at any point before the voter registration deadline.

If information on an otherwise timely application is corrected after the voter registration deadline, is the correction timely? No.⁸

Description of notice and correction process: The appropriate regional Division of Elections will contact an applicant whose identifying number is missing, incomplete, or unverified. The applicant may submit information to resolve any errors until the voter registration deadline. An applicant whose information has not been verified by the voter

registration deadline may still vote if she provides certain forms of identification at the polls.

Identification Requirements at the Polls

Who must provide identification at the polls? Every voter must show ID at the polls. This requirement may be waived if the election official personally knows the voter, unless the voter is a first-time voter who registered by mail and who submitted neither a copy of identification with the application nor identifying numbers that have been verified.⁹ A voter registering in person must *also* show identification at registration, unless the registration official personally knows the applicant.¹⁰

What forms of identification are accepted? A voter whose information has not been verified must provide an official voter registration card, a driver's license, a state ID card, a passport, another current and valid photo identification, a birth certificate, or a hunting or fishing license. A voter whose information has been verified must provide either one of those documents or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.¹¹

What are the consequences of failing to show identification? The voter may cast a provisional ballot, which will be counted if the district questioned ballot counting board agrees by majority vote that the voter was qualified to vote at the election.¹² The ballot will not be counted if it is cast by a first-time voter who registered by mail and who has not provided either a verified identifying number or the identification above.¹³

Statutes and Regulations

ALASKA STAT. tit. 15, ch. 7 generally concerns registration of voters. ALASKA STAT. § 15.07.125 directs the director of elections to prepare an official registration list. There are no applicable regulations.

End Notes

¹ ALASKA STAT. § 15.07.070(c)-(d).

² electionline.org, *Assorted Rolls: Statewide Voter Registration Databases Under HAVA*, June 2005, available at <http://www.electionline.org/Portals/1/EB11.FINAL1.pdf>, at 15.

³ Election Assistance Commission, *The Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office 2003-2004*, June 30, 2005, tbl. 2, available at http://www.eac.gov/NVR_Spreadsheets/NVRA_table_2.html. Due to rounding, the percentages listed may exceed 100%.

⁴ ALASKA STAT. § 15.07.060(f).

⁵ *Id.* § 15.07.070(f). However, Alaska law also provides that a registration official may not refuse to register a person who is a U.S. citizen of voting age and who has been a resident of the appropriate jurisdiction for at least 30 days. *Id.* § 15.07.160(a).

⁶ *Id.* § 15.07.070(f).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* § 15.15.225.

¹⁰ *Id.* § 15.07.060(c). At registration, acceptable identification includes a driver's license, a state identification card, a passport, other current and valid photo identification, a birth certificate, or a hunting or fishing license. *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* § 15.15.225.

¹² *Id.* § 15.20.207(a)

¹³ *Id.* § 15.15.225(c); *see id.* § 15.20.207(b).

STATE OF ALASKA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Refer to instructions on the reverse side for specific information and identification requirements.

Please print clearly in blue or black ink.

1. You MUST complete this section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Are you a citizen of the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ■ Are you at least 18 years old or will be within 90 days of completing this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p style="text-align: center;">IF YOU CHECKED NO TO EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.</p>			
2. Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Suffix (Circle One) Jr. Sr. II, III OR ____
3. Name Previously Registered			
4. You MUST Provide the Alaska Residence Address Where You Claim Residency – Do not use PO, PSC, HC or RR			
House #	Street Name	Apt #	City State ALASKA
If your mailing address is different than your residence address, and you want to keep your residence address confidential, check the following box. *[] Yes, please keep my residence address confidential.			
5. Mailing Address		City	State Zip Code
6. You MUST provide at least ONE *Social Security No. ____/____/____ *Last 4 Digits of Social Security No. ____ *Alaska Driver's License No. ____ *Alaska State ID Card No. ____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have not been issued a Social Security, Alaska Driver's License or State ID number.		10. *AK Voter Number _____ (If known)	
7. You MUST provide *Date of Birth ____/____/____ <small style="margin-left: 40px;">Month Day Year</small>		11. *Daytime Phone No. _____ *Evening Phone No. _____ *Email Address _____	
8. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		12. Are you interested in helping your community by serving as a precinct election official? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, provide your phone number and/or email address on line 11)	
9. Party Affiliation (Select only ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Independence Party <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpartisan (no party affiliation) <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared (no party declared) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <small>(Write Political Group Name Here – See reverse No. 5 for list)</small>		13. If you are disabled, do you need information on alternative voting methods? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		14. If you are currently registered to vote in another state, you MUST cancel that registration by providing the following information. City _____ State _____ County _____ Zip Code _____	
Voter Certificate. Read and Sign: I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above information I provided on this document is true and correct. I am not registered to vote in another state, or I have provided information to cancel that registration. I further certify that I am a resident of Alaska and I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole.			
*SIGNATURE: _____		DATE: _____	
WARNING: If you provide false information on this application you can be convicted of a misdemeanor AS 15.56.050.			
Registrar/Agency/Official – Check ID and complete this section		For Office Use Only	
Registrar Name _____ Voter # or SSN _____		VN _____	
OR			
Agency Name: _____		D/P _____	

*Items are kept confidential by the Division of Elections 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.



State of Alaska Division of Elections

Voter Registration Application

To register to vote in Alaska you must be a U.S. Citizen, a resident of Alaska, and at least 18 years old or will be 18 years old within 90 days of completing this application.

Initial registration or registration changes must be made at least 30 days prior to an election. Once your application is processed, a notice will be mailed to you within 3 to 4 weeks.

1. When Completing This Application You **MUST** Provide:

- ◆ **Alaska Residence Address Where You Live** – A complete physical residence address must be included on your application. The residence address you provide will be used to assign your voter record to a voting district and precinct. Your application will not be processed if you leave the residence address blank or if you provide a PO Box, HC No. and Box, PSC Box, Rural Route No., Commercial Address or Mail Stop Address on line 4 of the application.

If your residence has been assigned a street number, provide that number. If not, indicate exactly where you live such as, highway name and milepost number, boat harbor, pier and slip number, subdivision name with lot and block or trailer park name and space number. If you live in a rural village in Alaska, you may provide the community name as your residence address.

If you have a separate mailing address than your residence address, you may choose to maintain your residence address as confidential. Confidential addresses are not released to the general public, but may be released to government agencies or during election processes as set out in state law.

Are you temporarily out of State? If so, and you have intent to return, you may maintain your Alaska residence as it appears on your current record. If you provide a new residence address, it must be within Alaska.

- ◆ **Proof of Identity** – Your identity must be verified. If you have been issued a Social Security number, Alaska Driver's License, or Alaska State ID card, you **MUST** provide at least one number on Line 6 of the application. If you have never been issued one of the identification numbers, you may indicate so by checking the box in Line 6.

- ◆ **Date of Birth** – You **MUST** provide your date of birth.

2. Are you submitting this application by mail or by fax? If so, and if you are not already registered to vote in Alaska, your identity must be verified either at the time you register or the first time you vote. If you would like to ensure that your identity is verified at the time you register, submit a copy of one of the below:

- Current and valid photo identification
- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Driver's license
- State identification card
- Hunting and Fishing license

3. Are you registering from outside the State of Alaska? If so, you must provide proof of Alaska residency, such as a copy of your current Alaska driver's license, hunting or fishing license, student loan documents, proof of employment in Alaska, or military leave and earnings statement. If you do not provide proof of Alaska residency, your application will not be processed.

4. Have you been convicted of a felony? If so, you may register to vote only if you have been unconditionally discharged. Provide a copy of your discharge papers with this application if available.

5. Party Affiliation. This form lists the recognized political parties in Alaska as well as nonpartisan, which means you are not affiliated with a party, and undeclared, which means you do not wish to declare a party. If you do not check a political affiliation, you will be registered as undeclared unless you are currently registered with an affiliation. The following groups have applied to obtain recognized political party status under Alaska Statutes 15.60.10(23): Alaska Freedom Party, Green Party of Alaska, Republican Moderate Party, and Veterans Party of Alaska. If you wish to register with a political group, on the reverse side write the name of the political group on the blank line and check the box next to their name.

**If you have questions, visit our web site at www.elections.state.ak.us
or call your regional office listed below:**

Region I Elections Office
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Juneau, AK 99811-0018
(907) 465-3021 – Voice
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Region II Elections Office
2525 Gambell Street Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99503-2838
(907) 522-8683 – Voice
(907) 522-2341 – Fax

Region III Elections Office
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Fairbanks, AK 99701-4594
(907) 451-2835 – Voice
(907) 451-2832 – Fax

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PO Box 577
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