

Introduced by: Knopp, Mayor  
Date: 10/11/16  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2016-059**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
SUPPORTING PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND AUTOMATIC VOTER  
REGISTRATION – AN ACT ALLOWING QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO REGISTER  
TO VOTE WHEN APPLYING FOR A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND**

- WHEREAS,** every eligible Alaskan citizen, regardless of political affiliation, race, color, creed, sex, or nation origin, has a fundamental right to vote; and
- WHEREAS,** rural communities, military families, and individuals who move frequently do not have adequate online and physical access to accurate voter registration processes; and
- WHEREAS,** over ninety percent of Alaskan residents apply for the Permanent Fund Dividend (“PFD”) annually, and eighty-three percent of PFD applicants file online through electronic processing; and
- WHEREAS,** PFD Automatic Voter Registration has been proposed for the General Election Ballot of 2016 to allow simultaneous voter registration when an eligible citizen applies for the yearly PFD; and
- WHEREAS,** the Division of Elections estimates that approximately 70,000 eligible Alaskan citizens could become new, registered voters within the first year of passage; and
- WHEREAS,** the PFD Division already utilizes comprehensive fraud detection analysis that would prevent voter registration fraud, rendering Alaska to have the most accurate voter database in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** PFD Automatic Voter Registration would save money, as a Pew Charitable Trusts study demonstrated that processing electronic registrations cost ten times less than paper processing; and
- WHEREAS,** PFD Automatic Voter Registration would make government more efficient, reducing bureaucracy and paperwork by using the PFD’s existing strict processing system; and
- WHEREAS,** PFD Automatic Voter Registration would regularly update addresses and register new eligible voters on an annual basis, making Alaska the highest rate of registered voters in the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the proposition of PFD Automatic Voter Registration as proposed on the General Election Ballot of 2016.

**SECTION 2.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

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Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Gilman

No: None

Absent: None