

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Assembly Members

FROM: Jesse Bjorkman, Assembly Member



DATE: June 15, 2021

RE: Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance Amending Title 4 Regarding Borough Elections and Enacting A New Chapter of Code, KPB 4.60, Election Security and Integrity, to Ensure Borough Elections Are Accessible, Reliable and Secure (Bjorkman, Elam)

At the May 1, 2021 meeting the assembly received recommended amendments from members of the public; therefore, I submit the following which incorporate many of those ideas into this ordinance:

[Please note the underlined bold text is new and the ~~strikeout bold~~ language in brackets is to be deleted)

- Amend Section 2 as follows:

4.60.020. - Elections security.

A. A ballot printer who prepares ballots for use at a borough election will be provided a certificate to sign indicating that any overruns have been destroyed and that all official ballots ordered by the borough have been delivered to the election supervisor. Upon receipt of the official ballots from the printer, the election supervisor **and one additional designee** shall secure the ballots. A locked room with access limited to election personnel will be provided wherever possible.

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G. The Canvas Board is defined and described in KPB 4.90. References to an election official or precinct election board in this chapter shall mean the same persons described in KPB 4.50.010. Any terms not

specifically defined in this chapter or in KPB 4.10.020 shall have their ordinary and common meaning.

4.60.050. Transportation and receipt of ballots.

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B. On the day following the election the ballots described in (a) of this section that were not transported to the central ballot counting center will be transported by ground by an election official, i]. If transported by air the container must be secured with tamper proof seal. The ballots must be accompanied from the secured storage area to the airport of departure, and from the airport of destination to a designated secured storage area by an election official.

➤ Amend Section 3 as follows:

4.80.070. Absentee voting—By mail.

A. A qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot by mail if postmarked not earlier than the first of the year in which the election is to be held nor less than seven days before an election. A voter may request [HIS]their name be placed on permanent absentee **application** by mail status. The application shall include the address to which the absentee ballot is to be returned, the applicant's full Alaska residence address, and the applicant's signature.