



ALASKA  
DIVISION OF  
ELECTIONS

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# Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) ELECTION BASICS

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DOE conducts State, Federal and REAA (regional education attendance areas) elections.

- DOE does not conduct municipal elections
- REAA elections are held every year in October

34 Full-Time staff

- 2 or 3 in each Regional Office
- IT and office management from the Main Juneau Office

5 Regions

- Juneau
- Anchorage
- Wasilla
- Fairbanks
- Nome

401 Precincts

- 104 precincts are rural/hand count
- Some remote precincts are permanent Absentee (PAV)

# Temporary Staff and Poll Workers

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## Recruitment

650 Temporary Staff

2,000 Poll Workers

## Training

In-person

On-line

Telephonic

# Security

## PHYSICAL

- Offices
- Ballots
  - Paper
  - Timing Marks
  - Audits
  - Tracking

## ELECTRONIC

- Voter Registration System (VREMS)
- Voting Machines (Dominion)
- Computers

# Security – machines



## Precinct Scanner Unit Security Log

Election ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Election Official – You **MUST** verify security seals before using unit.

1) Serial # of the Orange Seal on the Memory Card door titled "Administrator":	_____	13467
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the serial number matches.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> No, the serial number does NOT match or is broken.
2) Serial # of the Orange Seal on the Memory Card door titled "Poll Worker":	_____	09754
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the serial number matches.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> No, the serial number does NOT match or is broken.

**NOTE:** If you answered NO to any of the above, contact your Election Supervisor immediately.

According to Set-Up Instructions for the Precinct Scanner, we added seals to these compartment doors:

Side Transmission Door       Printer Door

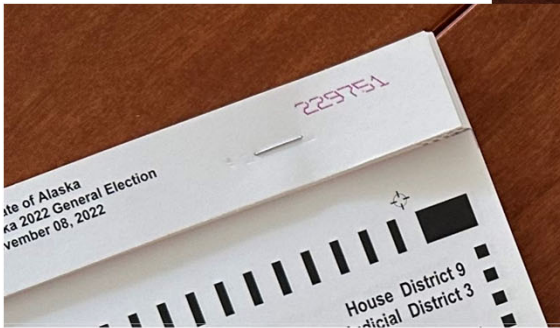
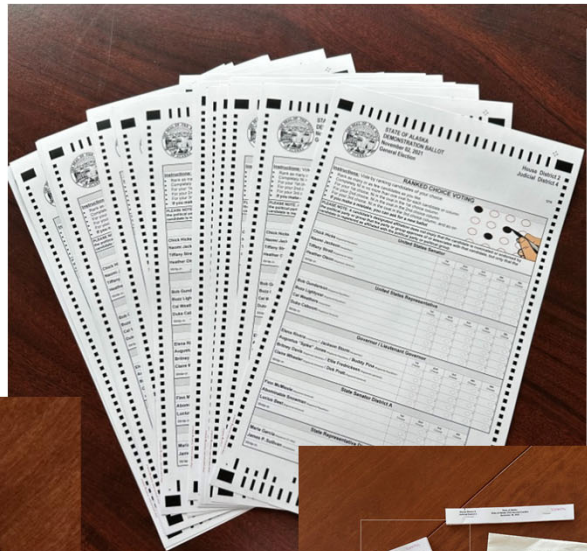
Election Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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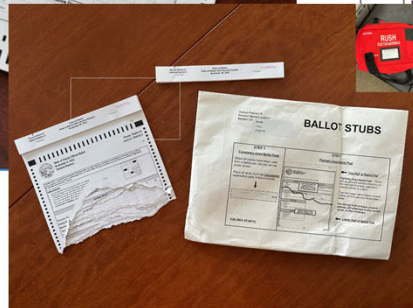
**This form MUST be returned in the E16 or E16A envelope.**

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# Security – ballots



Paper Ballots



## Ballot Accountability

District:  
Precinct:  
Election:

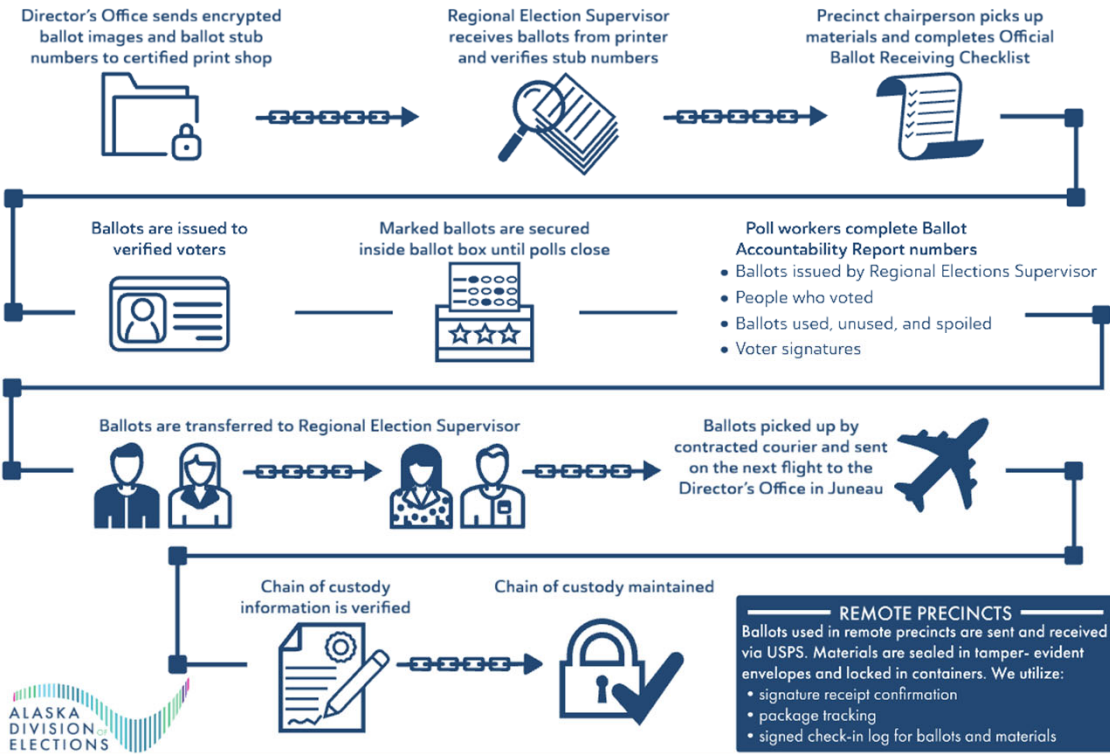
Paper Ballots Received			Paper Ballots Used			Unused Paper Ballots		
<b>Total Ballots Received:</b> Enter this total in line (8) below.	<b>First Ballot Stub Number</b>	<b>Last Ballot Stub Number</b>	<b>First Unused Ballot Stub Number</b>	<b>First Ballot Stub Number</b>	<b>Total Number of Ballots Used</b> Must match line (7) below.	<b>Last Ballot Stub Number</b>	<b>Last Ballot Stub Number Used</b>	<b>Total Number of Unused Ballots</b> Must match line (9) below.
			-	=		-	=	

Read each question below to complete the ballot accountability		Precinct Chair Enter Numbers Below:	Official Use
(1)	<b>How many people signed the precinct register?</b> DO NOT include any questioned or special needs ballots in this number.		
(2)	<b>How many people voted a questioned ballot?</b> Count the number of voted questioned ballot envelopes.	+	
(3)	<b>How many special needs ballots issued and returned by 8:00pm?</b> The number of envelopes returned with a voted ballot that matches the voters on the special needs register.	+	
	<b>How many special needs ballots were issued but not returned at the end of the night?</b> The number of special needs ballots not returned according to the special needs register. DO NOT include special needs ballots returned to your location that WERE NOT issued from your location.	+	
	<b>How many ballots were spoiled or mismarked?</b> The total number of regular spoiled ballots from the Spoiled Ballot Log.	+	
	<b>How many ballots were cast using the Voting Tablet?</b> This number is located on the voting tablet in the bottom left-hand corner where it says "Total ballots cast: ___"	-	
	<b>Subtract lines (1) through (5), then subtract (6) for a total number of <u>stuffed</u> ballots used.</b>	=	
	<b>Total ballots received from the election office.</b>		
	<b>Subtract line (7) from line (8) for the total number of <u>unused stuffed</u> ballots.</b>	=	

# Security – ballot transportation

## BALLOT CHAIN OF CUSTODY - URBAN PRECINCTS

Chain of custody documentation must be completed and signed by bipartisan teams of at least two election officials or division employees anytime ballots or voting materials are in their possession. Election officials ensure that all security seals and tamper-evident seals are verified and applied, and material transfer logs are signed prior to transportation. Chain of custody and security logs are maintained according to the division's record retention schedule.



# Ballot Counting: Statutory Requirements

- No ballots may be counted before 8pm on election night
- August 20 – Primary Election Day – Top 4 move to General Ballot
- November 5 – General Election Day – All races are Ranked Choice (including presidential race)
  - Absentee ballots may be received up to 15 days after Election Day
  - First choice results are released on Election Day, Day 7, Day 10 and Day 15.
    - Hand-count precincts call in their 1<sup>st</sup> choice and mail the ballots to Juneau Office.
    - On day 15, when all ballots have been received, it is determined whether any candidate in a race received 50 plus 1. If so, these are NOT ranked.
    - Races where no candidate received 50% plus 1 ARE ranked.
    - The ranking proceeds in rounds until only 2 candidates remain – and then the top vote getter wins the race.



# Voter Roll List Maintenance

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## Why are there so many registered voters?

- State and Federal Law dictate voter list maintenance laws.
  1. PFD applications – considered registration unless person opts out
  2. DMV registrations –
    1. If a person is registered through an auto process, and does not contact DOE, it can take at least 8 years AND the return of undeliverable mail to remove them from the list.
    2. Alaska’s laws require more steps than the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)
  3. Voters can remain residents in Alaska even if they live somewhere else, if they intend to return to Alaska
  4. DOE must assume the voter resides at the address they provide, unless the voter contacts DOE in writing.
    1. (AS 15.05.020)
  5. Voters in the military and overseas can remain registered and vote in some elections even if they don’t intend to return to Alaska.

AS 15.07.070; AS 15.07.130; AS 15.05.020; AS 15.05.011

# Voter Roll List Maintenance

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## What are “inactive” voters?

- **A voter is moved to ‘Inactive’ status when:**
  - The voter does not vote or appear to vote in two general elections they are moved to the ‘inactive’ list.
  - Mail is returned as non-deliverable and there is no response to notice from the division to respond in 45 days
- **When in ‘inactive status’:**
  - Their name will not appear on the polling place register.
  - They cannot vote normal ballots. They must vote a questioned ballot which is reviewed and only counted to the extent allowed by law.

# Questions?

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