

ALASKA'S 2022 ELECTIONS:

WHAT IS DIFFERENT THIS TIME?



There are two things that make this year's statewide elections in Alaska a little different in 2022 than they have been previous years.

First, there will be a **special election** to choose late Representative Don Young's successor in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ordinarily, Alaska would hold just two statewide elections in a midterm election year like this one: a primary and a general. This year, however, there will be three: a special primary, a combined regular primary and special general, and a regular general election. For more information about when and how to vote in each of these elections, see below.

Second, **voters will use a 'ranked-choice' voting** in the special and regular general elections. That means that instead of picking just one candidate, you'll rank four candidates in order of your preference. For more information on ranked choice voting, visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/RCV.php> or go to FairVote.org and click on the "Ranked Choice Voting" tab.

The **special primary elections** You may vote in the special primary elections either by mail or at an early voting location between May 27 and June 10. There will not be an opportunity to vote in person on Election Day in the special primary election. To find an early voting location, check <https://elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsp.php>.

- Your ballot must be **postmarked by June 11** and **received by June 21** to be counted.
- All candidates for Rep. Young's seat will appear together on the same ballot, regardless of political affiliation. You will vote for one candidate.
- The top four candidates will advance to the special general election.

The combined **special general** and **regular primary elections** will be conducted normally, giving voters the option of voting by mail, early and in person, or at their polling place on Election Day.

If you are not already registered, your registration must be **received by July 17** to vote in this election.

- *To vote in person on Election Day*, visit your assigned polling place on **August 16**.
- *To vote by mail*, you must submit an absentee ballot application in time to be received by **August 6**. Your completed ballot must be postmarked on or before **August 16**.
- *To vote early and in person*, check for available locations and times at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/AIPEVEvents.php> or by contacting your regional Elections Office. Early in person voting may be available in your area as early as **August 1**.

WHAT TO KNOW

Both the special general and regular primary races will appear together, on the same ballot. You'll only have to cast one ballot.

In the regular primary race, you'll vote for one candidate only (just like in the special primary). The top four candidates will advance to the regular general election.

In the special general race, you'll use ranked-choice voting.

The **regular general election** will also be conducted normally, giving voters the option of voting by mail, early and in person, or at their polling place on Election Day.

If you are not already registered, your registration must be received by **October 9** to vote in this election.

- *To vote in person on Election Day*, visit your assigned polling place on **November 8**.
- *To vote by mail*, you must submit an absentee ballot application in time to be received by **October 29**. Your completed ballot must be postmarked on or before **November 8**.
- *To vote early and in person*, check for available locations and times at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/AIPEVEvents.php> or by contacting your regional Elections Office. Early in person voting may be available in your area as early as **October 24**.
- *You will use ranked choice voting to vote in the regular general election, just as you did in the special general election.*

You must provide a residential address to register. You CANNOT use a PO box, rural route number, or other non-traditional address. If you don't have a number-and-street address, you CAN describe where you live using a highway name and milepost number, boat harbor number, pier and slip number, subdivision name with lot and block, or the trailer park name with a space number. If you live in rural Alaska, you may provide your community's name as your residence address. **If you are unable to register or vote because you cannot provide proof of address, please contact us at vote@narf.org, delisle@narf.org; or (303) 447-8760**

Same day registration is not available in Alaska. You must already be registered by the Election Day registration deadline listed above in order to vote.

HOW TO VOTE IN ALASKA

STEP ONE: REGISTERING TO VOTE

Am I eligible to vote?

You can vote if you:

- (1) are a United States citizen
- (2) are at least 18 years old, or will be by Election Day
- (3) have lived in Alaska and within the election district where you seek to vote for at least 30 days before the election

AND

- (6) you have not been convicted of any felony involving moral turpitude (as defined under AS §15.80.010(10) or your voting rights have been restored since your conviction.

In order to restore your voting rights following your conviction, you must be no longer serving a sentence, have been unconditionally discharged from supervision by the Department of Corrections, and provide a copy of your discharge papers to the Alaska Division of Elections.

For more information, visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/whocanregisterandwhocanvote.php>.

How do I know if I'm already registered?

You can check your registration status at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> or by calling your Regional Elections Office.

How do I register to vote?

- (1) You may have been automatically registered when you applied for your Permanent Fund Dividend. However, even if you believe you've been registered automatically, you should check to make sure your registration is complete and accurate!
- (2) Register online: If you have a valid Alaska driver's license or Alaska state ID card, you can register online at <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>. Otherwise, you'll need to register using a paper registration form.
- (3) Print and send a paper form to your Regional Elections Office: A printable registration form is available online at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/forms/C03-Fill-In.pdf>. Complete and sign the form, then enclose a copy of either your current driver's license, state ID, passport or birth certificate. Send your form to your Regional Elections Office by mail, fax, or email.
- (4) In-person registration: Visit your Regional Elections Office, or any one of the voter registration agencies listed at <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/wheretoregister.php>. Registration agencies include city or borough clerk's offices, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices, many public assistance agencies, some public libraries and tribal government offices.

STEP TWO: CASTING YOUR BALLOT



How can I vote in Alaska's elections?

(1) In person on Election Day.

You must vote at the polling place that you have been assigned to based upon where you live. Locate your polling place by visiting <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> or by calling the Division of Elections at (866) 952-8683.

(2) Early and in person.



Early voting may be offered as early as 15 days prior to an election, but is usually available only in designated locations within Juneau, Anchorage, Wasilla, Fairbanks, and Nome. Check <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/AIPEVEvents.php> or call the Division of Elections toll-free at (866) 952-8683 to locate your nearest early voting site and schedule.

(3) Vote by mail.



You do not need to provide an excuse to vote by mail. Submit your absentee ballot application online at <https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/>, or contact your Regional Elections Office.

You must have a witness sign your ballot in order for it to be counted. After marking your votes on your mail-in ballot, sign your ballot envelope in the presence of a witness. The witness will then also sign your ballot envelope. (The witness must be at least 18 years old.)

Then, return your ballot by mail or by dropping it in an official ballot drop box. Check the status of your absentee ballot online at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>.

If you have questions, visit <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php> or call the Absentee and Petition Office at (877) 375-6508.

What can I use as Voter ID?

You may use your voter registration card, driver's license, state-issued identification card, military identification card, passport, birth certificate, hunting or fishing license, or other current and valid photo identification.

If you do not have one of the forms of identification listed above, you may present a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government-issued document so long as it includes your name and current address.

What if I don't have acceptable voter ID?

You will vote a "questioned ballot" instead. Your questioned ballot will go to a review board, who will try to verify that you're eligible to vote in the jurisdiction where you cast the ballot. So long as the board is able to do so, your vote will be counted. If it can't, your ballot will be rejected or only partly counted, and you'll receive a letter from the Division of Elections will send you a letter of explanation.

My neighbor/friend/family member is not able to return their ballot themselves. May I return their ballot instead? Yes, you may. Just be sure that the person whose ballot your returning has already completed, sealed, and signed the ballot themselves.

ELECTIONS OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Region I Elections Office (Juneau)

Phone: (866) 948-8683 Fax: (855) 977-3591 electionsr1@alaska.gov	Physical Address: 9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 3 Juneau, Alaska 99801-7136	Mailing Address: Region I Elections Office PO Box 110018 Juneau, AK 99811-0018
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Region II Elections Office (Anchorage)

Phone: (866) 958-8683 Fax: (855) 977-3592 electionsr2@alaska.gov	Region II Elections Office 2525 Gambell Street, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99503-2838
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Region III Elections Office (Fairbanks)

Phone: (866) 959-8683 Fax: (855) 977-3594 electionsr3@alaska.gov	Region III Elections Office 675 7th Avenue, Suite H3 Fairbanks, AK 99701-4542
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Region IV Elections Office (Nome)

Phone: (866) 953-8683 Fax: (855) 242-2973 electionsr4@alaska.gov	Physical Address: Region IV Elections Office Sitnasuak Building 214 Front St., Suite 130 Nome, AK 99762	Mailing Address: Region IV Elections Office PO Box 577 Nome, AK 99762-0577
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Region V Elections Office (Mat-Su)

Phone: (844) 428-8952 Fax: (855) 977-3593 electionsr5@alaska.gov	Region V Elections Office Matanuska-Susitna Elections Office North Fork Professional Building 1700 E. Bogard Road, Suite B 102 Wasilla, AK 99654-6565
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