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Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Guide

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State Guide to Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Statutes

This is a guide to your state's laws relating to voter registration and voter list maintenance.

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Who can I contact with election related questions?

[Link to Elections Official](#)

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| Chief Elections Office: | Carol Beecher, Director of Elections |
| Physical Address: | Division of Elections Court Plaza Building 240 Main Street, 4th Floor Juneau, AK 99801 |
| Mailing Address: | Division of Elections P.O. Box 110017 Juneau, AK 99811 |
| Phone Number: | 907-465-4611 |
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| Online Contact: | elections@alaska.gov |

How do I register to vote?

[Link to Register](#)
[Link to Statutes](#)

[Section 15.05.010 - Voter qualification.](#)

A person may vote at any election who:

- (1) is a citizen of the United States;
- (2) is 18 years of age or older;
- (3) has been a resident of the state and of the house district in which the person seeks to vote for at least 30 days just before the election; and
- (4) has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not

How do I cancel my voter registration?

[Link to Form](#)

- Send a statement requesting your registration be cancelled with your name and an identifier (voter number, Alaska driver's license number or state identification number, date of birth or last four of your Social Security Number).
- Send your written request by email
- Or, send your written request by fax or mail to your Regional Elections Office.

How is voter list maintenance handled?

Section 15.07.130 - Voter registration list maintenance.

- (a) Periodically, at times of the director's choosing, but no less frequently than in January of each calendar year, the director shall examine the master register maintained under AS 15.07.120 and shall send, by nonforwardable mail to the voter's registration mailing address, a notice requesting address confirmation or correction to each voter
- (1) whose mail from the division has been returned to the division in the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register;
 - (2) who has not contacted the division in the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register; or
 - (3) who has not voted or appeared to vote in the two general elections immediately preceding the examination of the register.
- (b) If a registered voter has not, within the preceding four calendar years, contacted the division and has neither voted nor appeared to vote in a local, regional school board, primary, special, or general election during the last four calendar years and a notice sent to the voter under (a) of this section was returned as undeliverable, the voter shall be advised by a notice sent by forwardable mail to the voter's last known address that registration will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice no later than 45 days after the date of the notice sent under this section. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a voter whose registration is inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive registration in accordance with the procedures set out in 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6 (sec. 8, National Voter Registration Act of 1993) after the second general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter does not contact the division or vote or appear to vote.
- (c) The director shall obtain from the bureau of vital statistics a certified list of all residents over 18 years of age who have died or who have been presumptively declared dead. Promptly after receipt of each list, but, in any event, at least once each month, the director shall cancel the registration of all deceased voters.

Section 15.07.130 Cont.

(d) The notice sent under (b) of this section must include a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may state the voter's current address. The notice must indicate

(1) that the voter should return the card not later than 45 days after the date of the notice if the voter did not change residence;

(2) that failure to return the card by the 45-day deadline could result in removal of the voter's name from the official registration list for a subsequent election;

(3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not contact the division during, or vote or appear to vote in an election held during, the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the last day of the fourth calendar year that occurs after the date of notice; and

(4) how the voter can continue to be eligible to vote if the voter has changed residence.

(e) For purposes of (b) and (d) of this section, a voter "appears to vote" if

(1) the voter is present at a polling place or at an absentee voting station at a time when the polling place or absentee voting station is operating, for the purpose of casting a vote;

(2) the voter applies to the division to obtain an absentee ballot; or

(3) in an election conducted by mail under AS 15.20.800, a voter who has not received a ballot by mail makes a timely request to the division for a ballot.

(f) For the purpose of this section, a voter "contacts" the division if the voter notifies the division of a change of address, responds to a notice sent under this section, signs a petition for a ballot measure, requests a new voter registration card, or otherwise communicates with the division other than to vote or register to vote.

Sec. 15.07.135. Cancellation of registration of convicted persons.

(a) The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. Promptly after receipt of evidence satisfactory to the director that a person has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, the director shall cancel the registration of the person.

(b) Upon presenting proof that a person whose registration was canceled under (a) of this section has been unconditionally discharged from custody, the person may register. The director shall make reasonable efforts to verify the unconditional discharge of persons applying for registration under this subsection.

[The National Voter Registration Act of 1993](#)

Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (also known as the “NVRA” and the “Motor Voter Act”), to enhance voting opportunities for every American. The Act has made it easier for all Americans to register to vote and to maintain their registration. Section 8 of the NVRA contains requirements with respect to the administration of voter registration by States and requires States to implement procedures to maintain accurate and current voter registration lists.

For more information about the NVRA, please visit the [Department of Justice website](#).

List of voter registration statuses and their definitions

[Link to Statutes](#)

| Registration Status | Statute |
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| Active - The director shall prepare an official registration list for each election consisting of the names of (1) all voter whose registrations are not inactive; and (2) all voters whose names are required to be placed on the list by AS 15.07.070(c) or (d). A list of persons eligible to vote in each precinct at that election shall be prepared from the official registration list. | Sec 15.07.125 |
| Inactive - A person whose name is not on the official registration list shall be allowed to vote a questioned ballot. If a registered voter has not, within the preceding four calendar years, contacted the division and has neither voted nor appeared to vote in a local, regional school board, primary, special, or general election during the last four calendar years and a notice sent to the voter under (a) of this section was returned as undeliverable, the voter shall be advised by a notice sent by forwardable mail to the voter's last known address that registration will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice no later than 45 days after the date of the notice sent under this section. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a voter whose registration is inactivated. | Sec 15.07.130(b) |

How do I file an election complaint?

[Link to Administrative Complaint Process](#)

Any person who believes that there is a violation of any provision of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481-15485, including a violation that has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, may file a complaint.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

A complaint must be in writing. An Alaska Division of Elections Administrative Complaint form is available online at <http://www.elections.alaska.gov>. Persons may also contact any of our Regional Offices to get a form, or call our statewide toll-free administrative complaint line: 1-888-465-5857.

The complaint must be:

- a) signed by the complainant
- b) notarized and sworn under oath by the complainant
- c) and contain the following:
 - (1) full name of the complainant;
 - (2) mailing address of the complainant;
 - (3) each provision of 42 U.S.C. 15481 - 15485 for which a violation is claimed;
 - (4) and a description of the facts constituting the claimed violation.

The complaint must set out a clear and concise description of the claimed violation that is sufficiently detailed to apprise both the respondent (an election official whose actions are asserted), in a complaint under 6 AAC 25.400 - 6 AAC 25.490, to be in violation of 42 U.S.C. 15481 – 15485) and the director of the claimed violation.

WHERE TO FILE A COMPLAINT

The original complaint must be filed with the Director and mailed to:
Division of Elections Director's Office
P.O. Box 110017
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0017

A written complaint must be filed with the director, along with:

1. adequate proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of the complaint to each respondent; or
2. a request for mailing or delivery by the Director of the Division of Elections to each respondent.

A complaint must be filed within 60 days after the:

1. occurrence of the actions or events that form the basis for the complaint, including any actions or events that form the basis for the complainant's belief that a violation is about to occur; or
2. complainant knew or, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known of actions or events described in (1) of this subsection.

The Director will examine each complaint, and will reject it for filing if:

1. it is not signed and notarized under oath;
2. it does not identify the complainant or include an adequate mailing address;
3. it does not, on its face, allege a violation of 15 U.S.C. 15481 - 15485 with regard to a federal election; or
4. more than 90 days have elapsed since the final certification of the federal election at issue.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

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