NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES REAA WRITE-IN CANDIDATES AND SEAT VACANCIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

The Division of Elections proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 6 Chapter 27 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with REAA seat vacancies, including the following:

(1) 6AAC 27.036 is proposed to be changed as follows: amend the regulation to clarify that an individual may not file a write-in candidacy unless another candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for that seat.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Brian Jackson, PO Box 110017, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0017. Additionally, the Division of Elections will accept comments by facsimile at 907-465-3203 and by electronic mail at elections@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00pm on March 2, 2021.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Brian Jackson at brian.jackson@alaska.gov at 240 Main St. Suite 400, Juneau, Alaska 99801. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Division of Elections will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and agency website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Brian Jackson at brian.jackson@alaska.gov or by calling 907-465-4611 not later than 5:00pm on February 16, 2021 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Brian Jackson at brian.jackson@alaska.gov or by telephone, 907-465-4611.

A copy of the material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency's office at 240 Main St. Ste 400, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

After the public comment period ends, the Division of Elections will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

Statutory authority: AS 15.15.010

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 14.08.071; AS 15.15.030; AS 15.20.900; AS 15.15.010; AS 15.15.360; AS 15.25.105

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The Division of Elections keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Division of Elections notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Division of Elections at PO Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

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