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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Jackson, Division of Elections

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE: September 20, 2023

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Division of Elections regulations re: Election worker Pay (6 AAC 27.035)

Attorney General File: 2022200468

Regulation Filed: 9/20/2023

Effective Date: 10/20/2023

Print: 248, January 2024

cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law

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September 18, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 6 AAC 27.035: Division of Elections - Election Worker Pay

Our file: 2022200468

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Division of Elections against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Division of Elections after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern pay of election workers. Pursuant to statute, election worker pay is established by the division of elections via regulation. These regulations increase the hourly wages of certain election workers listed in 6 AAC 25.035.

The August 2, 2023 public notice and the September 11, 2023 adoption order both state that this action is expected to require increased appropriations. Therefore, a fiscal note was prepared under AS 44.62.060 and is attached.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C. Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto

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By:

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CC w/enclosure: Brian Jackson

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APPENDIX I: Adoption Order

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

The attached 2 pages of regulations, dealing with the payment of election workers, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Division of Elections adopts under the authority of AS 15.15.010 and AS 15.15.380 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

It is estimated that this action will require increased appropriations as shown on the attached fiscal note.

In considering public comments, the Division of Elections paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 9/11/2023

Carol Beecher, Director, Division of Elections

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

Get regulations according to the

provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Effective:

October 20, 2023. 248, January 2024. Register:

Register 248, January 2024

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6 AAC 25.035(a) is amended to read:

(a) Election board workers will be paid <u>\$20</u> [\$12] an hour for time spent at their election duties.

6 AAC 25.035(b) is amended to read:

(b) Election board chairpersons will be paid \$20.50 [\$12.50] an hour for time spent at their election duties.

6 AAC 25.035(c) is amended to read:

(c) Members of the district absentee ballot <u>and[,]</u> questioned ballot review boards, and absentee voting officials paid hourly, will be paid <u>\$20</u> [\$12] an hour for time spent at their election duties.

6 AAC 25.035(i) is amended to read:

(i) Absentee voting station officials at absentee stations will be paid <u>\$20.50</u> [\$12.50] an hour for time spent at their election duties.

6 AAC 25.035(*l*) is amended to read:

(*l*) Ballot tabulation coordinators, polling place field workers, individuals appointed as personal representatives, and absentee and questioned ballot processors will be paid <u>\$20</u> [\$12.50] an hour for time spent at their election duties.

6 AAC 25.035(n) is amended to read:

(n) Extra election day and election night workers and write-in counting team members will be paid \$15.50 [\$10.50] an hour. (Eff. 7/11/82, Register 83; am 7/17/88, Register 107; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 6/22/98, Register 143; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 3/13/2020, Register 233; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 10/20/2023, Register 246)

 Authority:
 AS 15.07.100
 [AS 15.15.030]
 AS 15.20.190

 AS 15.10.110
 AS 15.15.380
 AS 15.20.220

 AS 15.15.010
 AS 15.15.390
 AS 15.20.900