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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Jackson
Office of the Lt. Governor

FROM: Kady Levale Office of the Lieutenant Governor *KL*
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DATE: June 11, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Division of Elections

Division of Elections regulations re: Procedures for political parties, recounts, candidate placement, vacancies, and withdrawals, voter identifiers, candidate eligibility complaints, and updates materials adopted by reference and precinct boundaries map. (6 AAC 25.010 - .710; 6 AAC 27.010 – 090; 6 AAC 400)

Attorney General File:	2024200078
Regulation Filed:	6/11/2024
Effective Date:	7/11/2024
Print:	251, October 2024

cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law
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June 11, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: *6 AAC 25.010 - .710; 6 AAC 27.010 - 090; 6 AAC 400: Div. of Elections:
Redistricting; recounts; candidate and voter rules; complaints*
Our file: 2024200078

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 various changes to state elections requirements under 6 AAC 25, 27, including updates to the *Guide for Poll Watchers and Registrar Handbook*; clarifications on matters of voter registration, declarations of candidacy, identification on voter registration forms, and recount costs; and process updates concerning removal of a candidate from a special election ballot, how a candidate may change a designation or affiliation information, withdrawal of a write-in candidate, and the replacement of a candidate for governor or lieutenant governor if a candidacy becomes vacant before a primary election. Further changes update the standards concerning complaints and investigations of candidate eligibility, numerical ordering of candidates on a ballot, registration for absentee by mail voting; statements supporting or rejecting a proposition or constitutional convention question; regional educational attendance area (REAA) elections; and Division of Elections office locations for purposes of REAA elections. New sections of code are added dealing with special needs ballots and aligning spoiled ballot requirements with statute.

The regulations also make changes under 6 AAC 400 respective of the Alaska Redistricting Board's *Final Proclamation of Redistricting*, issued May 2023. The changes adopt by reference the election district voting precinct maps contained in the *Voting Precinct Maps* and clarify that in the event of a conflict between a narrative description of an election district identified in the *Final Proclamation of Redistricting* and the corresponding map, the narrative description controls.

Both the May 5, 2024 public notice and June 11, 2024 order adopting changes to regulations state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

Please note that the regulations must be filed by the Lieutenant Governor by June 11, 2024 to be effective for purposes of state elections processes starting July, 2024.

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

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APPENDIX I: Adoption Order

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF The Division of Elections

The attached 18 pages of regulations, dealing with materials adopted by reference, candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, political groups and political parties, recount costs, the withdrawal of a candidate, designated political affiliation, candidate eligibility complaints, voters' numerical identifiers, special needs ballots, spoiled ballots, statements regarding propositions and constitutional conventions, Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) elections, and precinct boundaries, 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 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.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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 on June 11, 2024, as provided in AS 44.62.180.


Date: 6/11/2024



Carol Beecher, Director, Division of Elections

FILING CERTIFICATION

Kady Levale for
I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on
June 11, 2024, at 1:49p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.



As Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom

Effective: July 11, 2024.

Register: 251, October 2024

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

Kady Levale, Notary Administrator

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



Nancy Dahlstrom

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chapter 25. Administration of Elections.

Article 1. General Administration.

6 AAC 25.010(d) is amended to read:

(d) At the time **an** [THE] election supervisor provides identification badges, the election supervisor shall provide the division's *Guide for Poll Watchers*, revised as of [MARCH 2021] **November 2023** and adopted by reference. The party committees, [THE] candidates, and [THE] organizations and organized groups sponsoring or opposing a ballot measure are responsible for the training of all poll watchers under their authority on the proper conduct of poll watchers according to the *Guide for Poll Watchers* and [ARE RESPONSIBLE] for the conduct of the poll watchers.

(Eff. 10/1/74, Register 52; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 02/10/2018, Register 225; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS15.10.170 AS 15.15.110 AS 15.15.170
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.160

6 AAC 25.025(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) provide information to the applicant on voter registration solely as set out in the division's *Registrar Handbook*, revised as of **October 2023** [JULY 2021] and adopted by reference;

(Eff. 7/17/88, Register 107; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 2/10/2018, Register 225; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.07.070 AS 15.07.100 AS 15.07.200
AS 15.07.081 AS 15.07.140

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.029. Cancellation of voter registration. A voter may cancel the voter's registration at any time by contacting the division and providing the voter's name and a numerical identifier. (Eff. 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.07.070 AS 15.15.010

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.125. Declarations of candidacy by candidates for governor and lieutenant governor. The director may not certify joint candidates for governor and lieutenant governor until each candidate files a declaration of candidacy naming the other candidate. (Eff. 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.040 AS 15.25.042
AS 15.25.030

6 AAC 25.145(b) is amended to read:

(b) **The director shall review the forms** [FORMS] used to register a voter **on May 31 and at least one other day each** [WILL BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ONCE A] year. If [AT

THE TIME OF THE REVIEW,] a **political** group has applied for recognized political party status or [A GROUP HAS] obtained recognized political party status **at the time of the review**, the **director will include the political** group's name [WILL BE PRINTED] on the form. If a political party no longer qualifies as a recognized political party as defined in AS 15.80.010 **or a political group did not file an application with the director for recognized political party status on or before May 31** [WHEN THE FORMS ARE REPRINTED], the **political** party's **or political group's** name will **not** be **included on** [REMOVED FROM] the form [AT THE TIME OF THE REVIEW] unless **an application is submitted in accordance with** [THE ITEMS REQUIRED IN] 6 AAC 25.140(b) [ARE SUBMITTED].

6 AAC 25.145(c) is amended to read:

(c) **The director will notify a** [A] political group that **has not applied for or** no longer qualifies as a recognized political party [WILL BE NOTIFIED] by mail, **sent to the** [AT THE] address on file with the division, that the **political** group's name will be removed from the voter registration form.

6 AAC 25.145(d) is amended to read:

(d) **The director may not finalize or print updated** [UPDATED] forms [WILL NOT BE FINALIZED OR PRINTED] in the 10 days following **the mailing of a** notification **to a political** [THAT THE] group **under (c) of this section** [DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY] to allow time for the political group to submit **an application in accordance with** [THE ITEMS REQUIRED IN] 6 AAC 25.140(b).

(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.80.008

6 AAC 25.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) The state shall bear the cost of a recount when the difference between the number of votes cast for the following two candidates is 20 or less, or less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two candidates:

(1) In a primary election, the candidates receiving the fourth and fifth greatest number of votes.

(2) In a general election, the final two candidates or a defeated candidate and a continuing candidate in any round of tabulation. (Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/6/87, Register 103; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/24/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.430 AS 15.20.480
AS 15.15.350 AS 15.20.450 AS 15.20.490

6 AAC 25.210(b) is amended to read:

(b) The name of a candidate who has won a position on the general election ballot [,] will appear on the general election ballot unless written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the general election or notice of the candidate's death or incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the 64th day before the date of the general election.

6 AAC 25.210 is amended to add a new subsection to read:

(c) The name of a candidate who has won a position on a special election ballot will appear on the special election ballot unless written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the special election or notice of the candidate's death or incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the day before the ballot-printing deadline determined and announced by the director. (Eff. 6/23/86, Register 99; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 2/28/2014, Register 209; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.055 AS 15.25.100

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.214. Candidate's designated political affiliation. (a) A candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy and wishes to change the candidate's political affiliation or nonpartisan or undeclared designation on the ballot shall file a written request for the change of designation in the manner required for filing a declaration under AS 15.25.040.

(b) A candidate who has filed a letter of intent and wishes to change the candidate's political affiliation or nonpartisan or undeclared designation shall file a written request for the change of designation in accordance with AS 15.25.105(c).

(c) A candidate for federal office may be designated on the ballot as affiliated with the political party or political group with which the candidate is registered as affiliated in the state in which the candidate is registered to vote. (Eff. 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.030 AS 15.25.040
AS 15.15.030

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.216. Withdrawal of write-in candidate. A write-in candidate may be withdrawn from the general election if written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the general election or notice of the candidate's death or incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the 5th day before the date of the general election. (Eff.

7/11/2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.105

6 AAC 25.225 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.225. Replacement for a governor or lieutenant governor candidate. (a) If the candidacy for governor or lieutenant governor becomes vacant before a primary election, the joint candidate for governor or lieutenant governor shall provide to the director, not later than 52 days before the date of the primary election, the name of a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy.

(b) If the candidacy for lieutenant governor becomes vacant before a [THE] general election as provided in AS 15.25.100(d), the candidate for governor shall provide to the director, not later than 64 days before the date of the general election, the name of a **qualified** candidate for lieutenant governor to fill the vacancy.

(c) If the name of a **replacement** candidate [FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] is provided timely under this section [,] **and the replacement candidate has paid the filing fee required under AS 15.25.050,** the director will place the name of that candidate on the ballot for the **primary or** general election jointly with the candidate [FOR GOVERNOR] who provided the name **of the replacement candidate** under this section. (Eff. 9/2/2014, Register

212; am 12/14/2014, Register 212; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.050 AS 15.25.100
AS 15.15.030 AS 15.25.055

6 AAC 25.260(c) is amended to read:

(c) The director's [DIRECTOR WILL] review under this section is limited to the grounds cited [ONLY THOSE ISSUES] in the complaint that are related to candidate qualifications addressed in the candidate's declaration of candidacy [UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION, OR THE ALASKA STATUTES]. The director may not consider other grounds [GROUNDS] cited in the complaint, including [OTHER THAN THOSE RELATED TO CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR] grounds related to issues under the authority of the Alaska Public Offices Commission under AS 15.13 [WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE DIRECTOR UNDER THIS SECTION].

6 AAC 25.260(j) is amended to read:

(j) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the director to evaluate a candidate's eligibility for office, as addressed in the candidate's declaration of candidacy, in the absence of a complaint. (Eff. 8/6/87, Register 103; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.05.020 AS 15.25.030 AS 15.25.043
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.042

6 AAC 25.300(c) is amended to read:

(c) One drawing will be held under (b) of this section for **a primary or special primary election and one other drawing will be held under (b) of this section for a special or general election** [BOTH TYPES OF RACE]. The results of the drawing for state representative and state senator **must** [WILL] be recorded in writing and **shall be** certified by the director. The certified results will remain on file with the division for 24 months following the election.

(Eff. 3/15/96, Register 138; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority:	AS 15.15.010	AS 15.25.060	AS 15.40.140
	AS 15.15.030	AS 15.25.100	AS 15.40.220
	AS 15.20.900		

Chapter 25. Administration of Elections.

Article 3. Absentee and Questioned Voting.

The heading of Article 3 in 6 AAC 25 is changed to read:

Article 3. Absentee, [AND] Questioned, and Special Needs Voting.

6 AAC 25.510 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) The form of identification provided by the voter must be identical to the identification information in the voter's registration record or in a database to which the division has access.

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/9/94, Register 131; am 1/5/95, Register 133; am 8/23/2001,

Register 251, October 2024

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Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 2/24/2022, Register 241; am 7 / 11 / 2024,

Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.072 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.580 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(11) in the case of a voter voting in a presidential election, the voter's qualifications to register and vote under AS 15.05.012 - 15.05.014 cannot be verified. (Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081 AS 15.20.203
AS 15.15.198

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.585. Rejection of special needs ballot. The ballot of a voter voting a special needs ballot will not be counted if

(1) the voter's qualifications under AS 15.05.010 and registration under AS 15.07 cannot be verified;

(2) in the case of a voter voting in a presidential election, the voter's qualifications to register and vote under AS 15.05.012 - 15.05.014 cannot be verified;

(3) the voter's registration has been inactivated under AS 15.07.130(b) and the voter's prior registration for either of the two most recent general elections cannot be verified;

(4) the voter did not request a special needs ballot through a representative as required by AS 15.20.072(b);

(5) the ballot and voter certificate is received by an election official after 8:00 p.m. Alaska time on election day;

(6) the voter's representative did not complete the representative's section of the special needs ballot certificate and sign either the register provided by an election official or the representative's section of the special needs ballot certificate;

(7) the voter's representative who requested the special needs ballot did not sign and date as the attesting official;

(8) the voter's certificate is not signed by the voter or, if the voter's disability precludes the voter from signing, the voter's representative; or

(9) the voter's identification is not identical to the identification information in the voter's registration record or in a database to which the division has access. (Eff.

7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.072

6 AAC 25.640(4)(C) is amended to read:

(C) provide identification as described in AS 15.20.203(b)(6) **that is identical to the identification information in the voter's registration record or in a database to which the division has access, if applicable.** (Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/6/96, Register 139; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.207

((Publisher, please insert an "or" connector that follows after 6 AAC 25.640(4)(B))))

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.642. Spoiled ballots. (a) A voter who spoils a ballot may receive up to two replacement ballots when voting early or absentee in person. If the voter spoils the third ballot, the voter may receive and cast one more ballot as an absentee in-person ballot.

(b) A voter who spoils a ballot may receive up to two replacement ballots when voting at a polling place. If the voter spoils the third ballot, the voter may receive and cast one more ballot as a questioned ballot. (Eff. 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.250 AS 15.20.061

6 AAC 25.684 is amended to read:

6 AAC 25.684. Absentee by-mail ballot mailing address. A voter who applies for [REQUESTING] an absentee by-mail ballot under AS 15.20.081(a) shall provide a mailing address to which [THAT] the absentee ballot is to be mailed [RETURNED]. If a specific mailing address for the absentee ballot is not provided [INDICATED] on the voter's application, the director will mail the ballot to the voter's permanent mailing address indicated on the voter's application. If the person's permanent mailing address is not indicated on the application, the director will mail the ballot to the voter's residence address on file with the division. (Eff. 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

The section heading of 6 AAC 25.710 is changed to read:

6 AAC 25.710. Statements advocating voter approval or rejection of propositions and constitutional convention questions [INITIATIVES OR REFERENDUMS].

6 AAC 25.710(a) is amended to read:

(a) The division **shall** [WILL] include statements advocating voter approval or rejection of **a proposition or constitutional convention question** [PROPOSITIONS] in the election pamphlet. The division

(1) shall [MAY] offer authorship of the statement

(A) advocating voter approval of **an initiative or referendum** [A PROPOSITION TO THE PRIME SPONSOR OF AN INITIATIVE OR] to the initiative committee **or referendum committee**; [. THE DIVISION MAY OFFER AUTHORSHIP OF THE STATEMENT]

(B) advocating voter **approval of a constitutional amendment or voter rejection** of a proposition to a group that has organized and registered with the Alaska Public Offices Commission to **support the constitutional amendment or** oppose the proposition;

(2) if [. IF] no organized group meets the requirements of this subsection, [THE DIVISION] may offer authorship of the statement [ADVOCATING VOTER REJECTION] to a publicly recognized individual or organization with a stated interest in [OPPOSING] the proposition.

6 AAC 25.710(f) is amended to read:

(f) The division **may** [WILL] not release statements until all statements regarding the **proposition or constitutional convention** question have been received in final form and have gone to the printer.

6 AAC 25.710(h) is amended to read:

(h) The division **may not take a** [WILL TAKE NO] position on a statement advocating voter approval or rejection of **a proposition or constitutional convention question** [AN INITIATIVE OR A REFERENDUM]. The division **shall** [WILL] provide a disclaimer printed on the bottom of each page in the election pamphlet that **includes** [IS] a statement advocating or rejecting a proposition **or constitutional convention question**.

6 AAC 25.710 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) The division shall request that the office of the lieutenant governor coordinate the authorship of the statements advocating voter approval or rejection of the question whether a constitutional convention shall be called. (Eff. 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.58.020

Chapter 27. Administration of Local and Regional Elections.

6 AAC 27.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) by mail, when permitted under AS 14.08.071(b) and AS 15.20.800. (Eff. 9/14/77, Register 63; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 14.08.071 AS 15.15.010 **AS 15.20.800**

((Publisher, please move the "and" connector to the end of 6 AAC 27.010(2) and change the period to a semicolon.)))

6 AAC 27.035(b) is amended to read:

(b) A declaration of candidacy must be filed by delivering it in person, by electronic transmission, or by mail to the director of elections [,] or to an election supervisor of a regional elections office in Anchorage, **Wasilla, Kenai**, Fairbanks, Nome, or Juneau. The deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy is the first Friday of [IN] August of the year in which the election is held for the office sought. A declaration must be received by the close of business on the deadline day if it is delivered in person, **by mail**, or by electronic transmission. [A DECLARATION SENT BY MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST, AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE TENTH DAY AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE. IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, A DATED POSTAL RECEIPT IS ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF MAILING.]

6 AAC 27.035(d) is amended to read:

(d) In this section, “electronic transmission” means transmission by **electronic mail or** [A] facsimile [MACHINE].

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/7/92, Register 123; am 12/24/92, Register 124; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 17; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 14.08.071 AS 15.15.010 AS 29.26.020

6 AAC 27.036 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A write-in candidate may be withdrawn from the REAA election if written notice of the candidate's withdrawal from the REAA election or notice of the candidate's death or

incapacity is received by the director not later than close of business on the 5th day before the date of the REAA election. (Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 5/21/2021, Register 238; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 14.08.071 AS 15.15.030 AS 15.20.900
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.360 AS 15.25.105

6 AAC 27.037(c) is amended to read:

(c) The **director's** [DIRECTOR WILL] review **under this section is limited to the grounds cited** [ONLY THOSE ISSUES] in the complaint related to candidate qualifications addressed in the **candidate's declaration of candidacy** [UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION, OR THE ALASKA STATUTES]. **The director may not consider other grounds** [GROUNDS] cited in the complaint, **including** [OTHER THAN THOSE RELATED TO CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR] grounds related to issues under the authority of the Alaska Public Offices Commission under AS 15.13 [WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE DIRECTOR UNDER THIS SECTION].

6 AAC 27.037(j) is amended to read:

(j) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the director to evaluate a candidate's eligibility for office **as addressed in the candidate's declaration of candidacy in the absence of a complaint**. (Eff. 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 14.08.071 AS 15.15.010 AS 15.25.042
AS 15.05.020 AS 15.25.030 AS 15.25.043

6 AAC 27.090 is amended to read:

6 AAC 27.090. Run-off election. Except as provided in 6 AAC 27.080(b), if no candidate receives in excess of the required percentage of the votes cast for election to the respective office, the director will hold a run-off election within 30 days from the date of certification of the election between the two candidates **who received** [RECEIVING] the greatest number of votes for the office. The order and notice for a run-off election will be issued **six** [THREE] days after certification of the election. The run-off election will be conducted by mail, as prescribed by the director. (Eff. 9/14/77, Register 63; am 7/11/82, Register 83; am 7/26/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 14.08.071

Chapter 400. Statewide Election Districts and Election District Precincts.

6 AAC 400.010 is amended to read:

(a) The [REDISTRICTING BOARD ESTABLISHED THE] House election districts of the state **are established by the Redistricting Board in** [ESTABLISHED BY ISSUING] the **Final** [AMENDED INTERIM] *Proclamation of Redistricting, issued on May 15, 2023* [MAY 24, 2022].

(b) The boundaries of the House election districts of the state are depicted on maps approved and adopted by the Redistricting Board in **the Final Proclamation of Redistricting, issued on May 15, 2023** [ITS MAY 24, 2022, AMENDED INTERIM PROCLAMATION OF REDISTRICTING]. **Each** [ALSO, EACH] election district is described in narrative form in the board's *Description of May 2023 Final [INTERIM 2022] Proclamation Plan House and Senate*

Districts, prepared **May 15, 2023** [MAY 24, 2022]. **If an** [TO THE EXTENT ANY] inconsistency **arises** [MAY ARISE] between **a map** [THE MAPS] and **a** [THE] narrative **description or** [DESCRIPTIONS OR BETWEEN THE MAPS AND] topographic **feature** [FEATURES], the division of elections will rely on the narrative **description** [DESCRIPTIONS] in the board's *Description of May **2023 Final*** [INTERIM 2022] *Proclamation Plan House and Senate Districts* to determine the proper location of the boundary of an election district. (Eff. 7/1/2022, Register 243; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.10.020 AS 15.15.010

Editor's note: The Redistricting Board's **May 15, 2023** [MAY 24, 2022] **Final** [AMENDED INTERIM] *Proclamation of Redistricting and Description of May **2023 Final*** [INTERIM 2022] *Proclamation Plan House and Senate Districts* may be reviewed at the office of the director of the division of elections.

6 AAC 400.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) The election district voting precincts are depicted on maps approved and adopted by the division of elections in the division's document titled *Voting Precinct Maps*, dated **April 25, 2024 and** [JUNE 20, 2022, EACH OF WHICH MAPS IS] adopted by reference.

(Eff. 7/1/2022, Register 243; am 7 / 11 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 15.10.020 AS 15.15.010

Editor's note: The division of elections' [JUNE 20, 2022] *Voting Precinct Maps*, **dated April 25, 2024** may be reviewed at the division of elections regional offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome, **Wasilla**, and **Kenai** [WASILLA]. The voting precinct maps may also

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be reviewed individually and statewide on the division of elections' **Internet** website:

<https://elections.alaska.gov/districtmaps>.