

State of Alaska

Primary Election Fact Sheet

August 18, 2026

Key Dates



July 3 – Military, Overseas and Advance Remote Ballots Sent

July 19 – Voter Registration Deadline

July 24 – Target Day to Mail Absentee Ballots

August 3 – Early Voting Begins

August 3 – Electronic Transmission Voting Begins

August 8 – Absentee Ballot By-Mail Application Deadline

August 17 – Absentee Ballot by Electronic Transmission Application Deadline 5:00pm AST

August 18 – Primary Election Day
Polls Open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 18 – By-Mail Ballots Must Be Postmarked

August 31 – Target Date Primary Election Certification

Resources

elections.alaska.gov – Contact information, sample ballots, election results, election information, language and disability assistance information

Voterregistration.alaska.gov – Online voter registration

myvoterportal.alaska.gov – Find your polling place and voter information

Early & Absentee Voting

AKVoteEarly.alaska.gov – Find Other Voting Opportunities:

- Early In-Person
- By-Mail
- Online Delivery or Fax
- Special Needs by Personal Representative



Ballot Information



Governor/Lieutenant Governor

One each – United States House of Representative Seat & United States Senate Seat

Ten – State Senate Seats

Forty – State House of Representatives Seats

Ballot Measure – An act limiting contributions to campaigns (may not appear if a bill that is substantially similar is signed into law)

Primary Ballot Option

- The Primary Election is an open primary, meaning all candidates will appear on the same ballot.

Web: elections.alaska.gov

Email: elections@alaska.gov

Facebook: facebook.com/akelections/

Language Assistance: 1-866-954-8683

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