

Ranked Choice Voting Midterm Election

Vote between October 19 - November 3.

Check voter registration and voting address by October 4!

For more information + early voting locations, visit: elections.alaska.gov

Ways to Vote:

- By mail (request a ballot be mailed to you)**
- Electronic delivery (print your ballot at home)
- Early in-person Oct. 19-Nov. 2**
- In-person on election day, Nov. 3

If you plan to vote by mail:

Request your ballot by Oct. 24.
Mail your ballot back well before election day. We recommend completing and mailing back your ballot the SAME DAY you receive it.

Vote early! **We love these voting options! You may vote as early as October 19 through November 2. In many communities, there are designated EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS. These might differ from your standard polling place.

Why vote?

Casting your ballot is a powerful tool that allows each of us to shape our communities, state, and the country. When we vote, we express our preferences on our leaders, who make choices that impact our lives in many ways.

Who will be on my ballot?

In November, we will have the opportunity to vote for:

- Governor and lieutenant governor pair
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State House
- Superior and District Court Judges
- Two Ballot Measures:
 - An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Ending Ranked-Choice General Elections
 - An Act Addressing Voter Qualification



Sample ballots can show you which candidates will be on your ballot so you may research them before you go to the polls. Find your sample ballot by scanning the QR code on this page and typing in your address.

What is Ranked-Choice Voting?

You will have the option to rank four candidates in order of preference, from favorite to least favorite for each race. You can rank as many or as few candidates as you choose - one candidate, all four, or anything in between.

How votes are counted:

- If one candidate gets more than half of the first-choice votes, that candidate wins outright.
- If no one clears 50%, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes gets eliminated.
- The eliminated candidate's votes go to whichever candidate each of those voters ranked second.
- This process repeats, round after round, eliminating the last-place candidate each time, until one candidate has more than half the votes and wins.

Example: Picking Alaska's Favorite Berry

You rank: 1st = Raspberry, 2nd = Blueberry, 3rd = Salmonberry, 4th = Cranberry.

If over half (50%) vote for any one berry as #1, that berry wins. If no berry gets more than half, and Raspberry gets the fewest votes, your vote goes to Blueberry, because Raspberry is out.

Votes are counted again. If still no berry has more than 50% of the votes and Blueberry now has the fewest votes, your vote moves to Salmonberry. The process continues until one berry gets more than 50% of the votes.

Voting impacts the issues you care about

The people elected to office make choices that ripple through your life, from the cost of living and public services to the future of your community. In the General , you will vote for the candidate (one per race) who cares about the issues you care about. If you do not vote, someone else is picking for you.

