

ALASKANS TAKE A STAND

2026 Primary Election Alaska Voter Guide

This is a nonpartisan guide to who is on your 2026 statewide primary ballot along with key dates

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WHO'S ON YOUR 2026 STATEWIDE BALLOT

Every candidate who is on the primary ballot is listed below alphabetically by party — not in order of support or likelihood. All candidates appear on the August 18 primary ballot; voters choose ONE candidate. The top four vote-getters in each race move on to November's General Election.

U.S. Senate Answers extrapolated from media responses and voting history

	It has been 4 years since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Do you support nationwide choice or regulation of reproductive health care for women?	Pete Hegseth wants to lead the Department of War and name it as so. Do you lean more towards funding war or defense (humanitarian efforts)?*	Pertinent information from websites/interviews
DEMOCRATIC			
Carol Hafner	Choice	Neutrality	Lives in South Dakota
Leslie, David B.	Choice	Defense	https://www.davidleslieforsebate.com/home-1
Mary Peltola	Choice	Defense	https://marypeltola.com/story/#
REPUBLICAN			
Dustin Darden	Regulation	Defense	https://lawhelpak.com/?i=1
Fred Grauberger	Regulation	Defense	Listens more than talks
Gerald Heikes	Did not respond	No information available	No information found
Richard Mayers	Did not respond	No information available	No information found
Heather McElwain	Choice	No foreign military action	Domestic Engineer
Dan J. Sullivan, Jr.	Choice	Mixed	https://www.sullivanforsenate.com/
Dan S. Sullivan	Regulation	War	Made millions since taking office
OTHER & NONPARTISAN			
Richard Grayson (Green Party)	Choice	Defense	Lives on an island in the Carribean
Sidney Hill (undeclared)	Did not respond	No information available	No information found
Scott Kohlhaas (Libertarian Party)	Choice	Economic trade not military action	https://scott4ak.org/
Reece Roberts (nonpartisan)	Choice	Defense	https://lessawfulguy.com/
Shirley Saucerman (nonpartisan)	Yes	Defense	https://saucermanfordemocracy.com/
Earl Southworth (Alaskan Party)	Did not respond	No information available	No information found

U.S. House of Representatives (At-Large)

DEMOCRATIC	Should there be work requirements for Medicaid as Congress imposed in the 2025 budget reconciliation bill?	Do you support the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) receiving increased funding to expand mass deportation and detention capacity?*	Pertinent information from websites/interviews
Eric Hafner	Opposes red tape	Legalize all immigrants	Has never lived in Alaska
Yaquelin Reynoso	Did not respond	No information available	No information found
Matt Schultz	Endorses Bill Hill	Endorses Bill Hill	Endorses Bill Hill
John Williams	Exceptions	Rein in ICE	Balance of Powers
REPUBLICAN			
Nicholas Begich	Work Requirement	Supports ICE actions	Follows GOP
Ed Goldfarb	Work Requirement	Working immigrants supported	Lives in Florida
Clay Strickland	Exceptions	Supports ICE actions	Economics over Environment
LIBERTARIAN			
John Foddrill	Did not respond	No information available	No information found
James McDermott	Work Requirement	Vetting workers	"Live free Alaskans. Peace."
NONPARTISAN / UNDECLARED			
David Ambrose (nonpartisan)	Work requirement	Unable to determine	Independent fiscal conservative
Lady Dutchess (nonpartisan)	Did not respond	No information available	Vasectomies over abortion
Bill Hill (nonpartisan)	Opposes red tape	Limit ICE for humanity	Endorsed by Matt Schultz
David Richey (nonpartisan)	Idea not implementation	Targeted deportations	Wants to end Citizens United
Melanie Salazar (nonpartisan)	Opposes red tape	Defund ICE	Climate activist and pro-life
Matthew Williams (undeclared)	Exceptions	Rein in ICE	broncoforcongress.org

*Answer gleaned from responses in 2026 Alaska Primary Voter Guide

Governor & Lieutenant Governor Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run together as a ticket in both the primary and general election.

	Alaska ended its defined benefit plan in 2005, which means that AK state employees do not have a pension. Do you support enacting an option of defined benefits for Alaska state employees?	Do you support maintaining open primaries and ranked choice voting in Alaska?	The Base Student Allocation (BSA) for public education in the state has been flat-funded since 2017, while costs increase significantly. Do you support increasing the BSA to sustainably support Alaska public schools?
DEMOCRATIC			
Tom Begich & Julia Hnilicka	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV	Increase BSA
Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins & Zack Johnson	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV Reveal finances	Increase BSA
REPUBLICAN			
Click Bishop & Greta Schuerch	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV	Increase tied to reforms
Dave Bronson & Josh Church	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond
Adam Crum & Robert Craig	No	No RCV	No
Edna DeVries & George Hightower	No	Closed and no RCV	Indeterminable
Michael Gilbert & Timothy Hickel	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV	Increase BSA
Matt Heilala & Jesse Sumner	No	No, limit to day of	No
Shelley Hughes & Blake Gettys	Social Security	Closed and no RCV	No
Henry Kroll & Tommy Nicholson	Defined Benefits	NO	No
Lesil McGuire & Sarah Rasmussen	No	Open primaries	Increase BSA
James Parkin & Ramadhani Greer	Defined Benefits	Yes	Increase BSA
Treg Taylor & Candice English	Did not respond	Did not respond	Correspondence Schools
Bernadette Wilson & Michael Shower	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond
NONPART/ INDEP/ UNDECL			
Meda DeWitt & Christopher Steere (nonpartisan)	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV Reveal finances	Increase BSA
Destry Payne & Cliff Silvers (nonpartisan)	Defined Benefits	No	De-unionize Teachers
Bill Walker & Randy Hoffbeck (nonpartisan)	Defined Benefits	Open and RCV	Modified BSA

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE

Most Alaskans are already registered to vote — registration happens automatically when you apply for your Permanent Fund Dividend. The real question isn't, “Am I registered?” It's, “Do I have a plan?” Decide now: will you vote early, absentee, or in person on Election Day? Have you seen a sample ballot so you know what is up for vote? Mark your calendar with the dates below.

Recommendation: Check your registration on your phone and take a screenshot.

2026 Primary Election — Tuesday, August 18

WHAT	WHEN
Voter registration deadline for Primary has passed (For General election it is Sunday, October 4, 2024)	Sunday, July 19, 2026
Early & in-person absentee voting	Aug. 3 – Aug. 17, 2026
Request an absentee ballot by mail	By 5 p.m., Aug. 8, 2026
Request absentee online or by fax	By Aug. 17, 2026
Return your absentee ballot	Postmarked by Aug. 18; received by Aug. 28, 2026

Heads up: Alaska only offers same-day registration in presidential election years for federal races. That doesn't apply in 2026 — so the registration deadlines above are firm.

What to bring to the polls

Alaska requires one form of ID when you vote in person. A photo ID isn't required — acceptable options include a voter registration card, driver's license or state ID, passport, hunting/fishing license, or a current utility bill, bank statement, or paycheck showing your name and address. If you don't have ID with you, a poll worker who knows you personally can vouch for you, or you can cast a questioned (provisional) ballot that gets reviewed afterward. Either way, you can still vote. You will declare whether or not you are a citizen and legal to vote.

Can't make it to the polls?

Anyone can request an absentee ballot by August 8th. Election dates, deadlines & absentee voting: elections.alaska.gov

Or

If unable to make it to the polls AND did not request an absentee ballot in time, you may send a chosen representative (i.e., family member) to get a “**Special Needs**” ballot to bring to your home to vote.

More information? Ask a poll worker during early voting (starting Monday, August 3rd) for details and restrictions.

