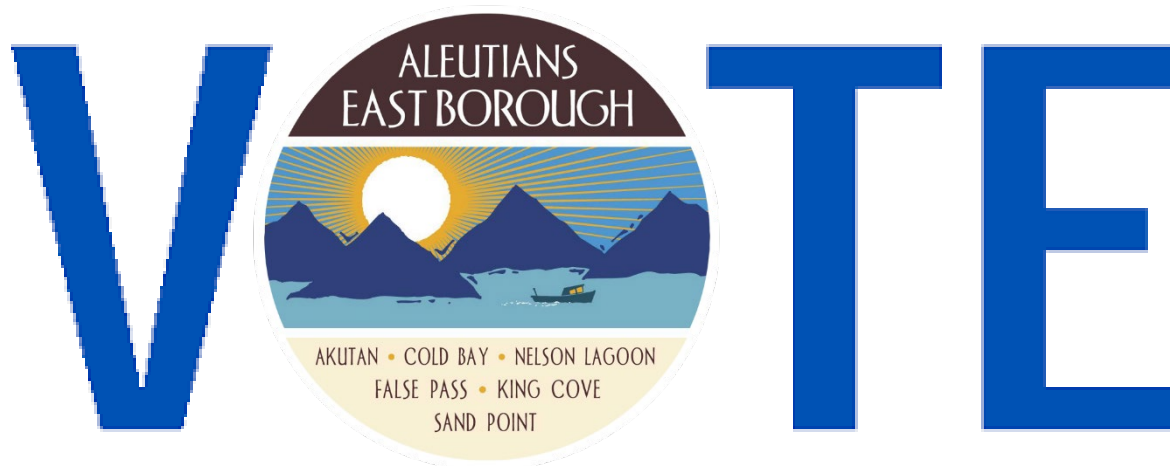




In The Loop 2026 Election Special Edition

The **deadline to [register to vote](#)** in the Municipal October 6 election and the November 3 General Election is **September 6, 2026**.

Important Dates:

- **Primary Election** **August 18, 2026**
- **Municipal Election** **October 6, 2026**
- **General Election** **November 3, 2026**

State Election

The Primary Election for State and Federal Offices is slated for August 18 and includes one Alaska Public Initiative ballot measure. The State of Alaska has an open primary system, and registered voters may vote for ONE candidate for each office on the Primary Election ballot ([link to District 37 ballot](#)) The top 4 vote earners will be listed on the November 3 General Election Ranked-Choice Ballot, where voters may rank the candidates in order of preference 1-4 or just vote for one or rank fewer than 4 candidates.

Ballot Measures

The three properly filed [ballot measures](#) for this election season are all concerning State elections:

- Ballot Measure 1 on the August 18 Primary Election Ballot is regarding Campaign Finance. The Governor vetoed [HB16](#) that would have achieved the same objectives as Ballot Measure 1.
- Ballot Measure 2 on the November 3 General Election Ballot would repeal Ranked-Choice Voting, where a YES vote would repeal RCV and a NO vote would maintain the RCV process.
- Ballot Measure 3 also on the General Election would require proof of citizenship to vote in State elections.

A fourth potential ballot measure for 2026 if petitioners collect enough signatures by September 14 would regulate a natural medicine program.

Aleutians East Borough Elections

Municipal Elections for the Aleutians East Borough and other Alaska Municipalities will be held October 6. The open Declaration of Candidacy period for Borough elections will be August 24 through September 4. The seats up for election in 2026 are Mayor, Assembly Seats A and F, and for the School Board Seats C and D. Candidates must receive 40% of the vote or face a runoff election.

To obtain an application for absentee voting, visit the [Clerk's Department](#) on the Borough website or contact the Borough Clerk at 907-383-2699. The last day to request a ballot by mail is September 29, 2026. The last day to request by electronic transmission is October 5, 2026 no later than 12:00 p.m., and ballot must be returned to the Borough Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

The Borough Clerk will be posting more information for the Borough election in the coming weeks.

Fishery Issues Take Center Stage in 2026 Alaska Elections

Candidate's positions on fisheries can be found on candidate's websites, submitted statements to the [Division of Elections](#) and organizations that have received candidate statements on fisheries, including [Alaska Marine Community Coalition](#), that sent a survey to all candidates for Governor, U.S. Senate and U.S. House.

A Division of Elections [pamphlet](#) for the Primary election only holds information on the Ballot Measure 1. A General Election pamphlet will contain candidate biographical statements and ballot measure info.





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