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Honorable House Speaker Edgmon
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Support for HB 352, An Act relating to voter registration

Dear Speaker Edgmon,

The Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks serves to provide resources for municipal clerks to provide the highest quality of service and support to citizens and elected officials, with a focus on ensuring fair and efficient electoral processes with a direct link between residents and their government.

Approved in 2016 and effective March 1, 2017, ballot measure 15PFVR created a process for Alaskans to register to vote using their Permanent Fund Dividend application. Under the current law for PFD Automatic Voter Registration (AVR), the DOE must mail an opt-out notice to: (1) PFD applicants who are not currently registered to vote; and (2) voters whose residence address on their PFD application is different than their voter record address. The State could save money if the opt-out process was included with the PFD application process – just like voter registration at DMV has been since 1994.

HB 352 would make clarifying amendments to the voter registration and Permanent Fund Dividend application statutes. The bill would allow for “opt-out” of voter registration during the PFD application process, while retaining the law’s intent. The bill specifies that the Division of Elections will process the registration information received and notify the applicant of his or her registration status. The bill also streamlines the sharing of records and information between the Department of Revenue and the Division of Elections. This legislation would save an estimated \$200,000 annually in mailing costs and provide for a mechanism by which voter registration transactions performed by DOE are fully automated and reduce paper transactions.

The AAMC Board of Directors urges passage of HB 352.

Sincerely, and on behalf of the AAMC Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shellie Saner".

Shellie Saner, MMC
AAMC President