



**ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 3, "AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLS; AND RELATING TO THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE AND QUESTIONED BALLOTS" AND URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN THE CURRENT LIST OF ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF VOTER IDENTIFICATION LISTED IN AS 15.15.225 AND 6 AAC 25.**

WHEREAS, the Division of Elections has allowed the use of state issued Voter Registration Cards, paycheck stubs, birth certificates, hunting and fishing licenses, and acceptable forms of voter identification listed in AS 15.15.225 and 6 AAC 25 for voter identification, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Voter Registration Card is to identify the voter's physical residence, political affiliation, and precinct location, and

WHEREAS, in some rural communities in Alaska, access to facilities which produce photo identification is limited and the costs prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, some voters have limited access to photo identification due to age or disability, and

WHEREAS, current Alaska election laws provide for a questioned ballot review process that allows additional scrutiny of ballots cast by voters with insufficient ID, and

WHEREAS, Alaska clerks have not experienced issues with voter fraud, and

WHEREAS, HB 3 will create more difficulty for voters at the polls, which would negatively impact our goal to increase voter participation and satisfaction with the election system, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Elections, in partnership with Alaska clerks, has been dedicated to providing excellent training for polling place workers to ensure that voting requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sean Parnell, Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell, the Alaska Division of Elections, and Alaskan municipalities have been purposeful to maintain a convenient method which encourages all eligible citizens to vote.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS:** that the State of Alaska Legislature is urged to retain the current list of acceptable forms of voter identification listed in AS 15.15.225 and 6 AAC 25.

Effective Date of Resolution. This resolution will be effective February 19, 2013.

ENACTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2013.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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