

# HB 309

There already exists an exemption from POFD filing requirements for **candidates** running for municipal office in municipalities with populations of 1000 or less.

There is NOT currently any population threshold exemption for POFD filing requirements for **elected or appointed municipal officers**.

This is the change we are making in Section 5 of HB 309 by adding a POFD reporting threshold for **candidates and elected/appointed municipal officers** in municipalities with populations of 15,000 or less.

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## Before and After

| <u>Current Law</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Under HB 309</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All municipal candidates in municipalities with populations of 1,000 and above subject to POFD filing requirements.</li><li>• All municipal officials in communities of any size, who have not opted out, are subject to POFD filing requirements (currently 30 municipalities).</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ ALL candidates and municipal officials in municipalities with populations of 15,000 or less are EXEMPT from POFD filing requirements.</li><li>▪ 25 municipalities formerly subject to POFD filing requirements, now exempt.</li><li>▪ 5 municipalities still subject to POFD filing requirements for both municipal candidates and officials:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Kenai Peninsula Borough, and Juneau City and Borough still</li></ul></li></ul> |

# Municipalities That Have Opted Out of POFD Filing Requirements for Municipal Candidates AND Officers (136 total)

| Date | Municipalities         | Population  |
|------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1979 | Newtok                 | Unavailable |
| 1975 | Petersburg, City       | Unavailable |
| 2009 | Fairbanks, City        | 31,668      |
| 2008 | Sitka                  | 8,523       |
| 2008 | Ketchikan, City        | 8,157       |
| 2008 | Kenai, City            | 6,999       |
| 2012 | Bethel                 | 6,586       |
| 1975 | Palmer                 | 5996        |
| 1976 | Kodiak                 | 5,942       |
| 1975 | Homer                  | 5,443       |
| 1975 | Valdez                 | 3,985       |
| 2015 | Petersburg, Borough    | 3,189       |
| 2011 | Aleutians East Borough | 2959        |
| 2012 | Seward                 | 2,773       |
| 1975 | Cordova                | 2,609       |
| 2012 | Haines Borough         | 2,480       |
| 2015 | Wrangell               | 2,426       |
| 1976 | Dillingham             | 2,382       |
| 1976 | Houston                | 2,100       |
| 2008 | Denali Borough         | 1,825       |
| N/A  | Metlakatla             | 1,454       |
| 2018 | Hooper Bay             | 1,247       |
| 2008 | Delta Junction         | 1,177       |
| 1976 | Craig                  | 1,095       |
| 1998 | Chevak                 | 1,074       |
| 1990 | Akutan                 | 994         |
| 1981 | King Cove              | 920         |
| 2014 | Sand Point             | 911         |
| 1980 | Emmonak                | 867         |
| 1975 | Bristol Bay Borough    | 850         |
| 2017 | Kwethluk               | 819         |
| 2005 | Mountain Village       | 809         |
| 1997 | Point Hope             | 805         |

| Date | Municipalities | Population |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 1977 | Klawock        | 777        |
| 1977 | Savoonga       | 751        |
| 1992 | Quinhagak      | 747        |
| 1976 | Alakunuk       | 728        |
| 1998 | Gambell        | 722        |
| 1977 | Unalakleet     | 722        |
| 1994 | Toksook Bay    | 683        |
| 2009 | Gustavus       | 655        |
| 1975 | Kotlik         | 655        |
| 1993 | Nunapitchuk    | 647        |
| 1994 | Pilot Station  | 640        |
| 1979 | Noorvik        | 629        |
| 1975 | Shishmaref     | 610        |
| 1975 | Kake           | 601        |
| 1979 | Scammon Bay    | 598        |
| 1977 | St. Mary's     | 566        |
| 2016 | Wainwright     | 555        |
| 2017 | Fort Yukon     | 540        |
| N/A  | Cherfornak     | 513        |
| 1999 | Buckland       | 511        |
| 1975 | Kachemak       | 511        |
| 2016 | Manokotak      | 508        |
| 2013 | New Stoyahok   | 496        |
| 2001 | Aniak          | 485        |
| 1995 | Nuiqsut        | 481        |
| 1975 | Galena         | 475        |
| 1996 | Brevig Mission | 462        |
| N/A  | Kivalina       | 442        |
| 1995 | Marshall       | 437        |
| 1999 | Napaskiak      | 433        |
| 1998 | Kiana          | 421        |
| 1993 | Saxman         | 421        |
| 1998 | Akiak          | 406        |
| 2019 | St. Michaels   | 398        |

| Date | Municipalities  | Population |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 1995 | Anaktuvuk Pass  | 376        |
| 1975 | Elim            | 368        |
| 1975 | Nenana          | 363        |
| 1996 | Napakiak        | 355        |
| 2005 | Koyuk           | 350        |
| 1995 | Eek             | 347        |
| 1994 | Russian Mission | 340        |
| 1988 | Huslia          | 310        |
| 2015 | McGrath         | 310        |
| N/A  | Nightmute       | 304        |
| 2013 | Adak            | 296        |
| 1975 | Ambler          | 287        |
| 1991 | Goodnews Bay    | 283        |
| N/A  | Shaktolik       | 275        |
| 1975 | Shungnak        | 274        |
| 1975 | Anderson        | 269        |
| 1991 | Atkasuk         | 269        |
| 1993 | Aleknagik       | 251        |
| 1976 | Whittier        | 245        |
| 1977 | Kaktovik        | 238        |
| 1994 | Teller          | 237        |
| 1992 | Upper Kalskag   | 235        |
| 2010 | Seldovia        | 226        |
| 1996 | Nunam Iqua      | 225        |
| N/A  | Old Harbor      | 224        |
| 2018 | Newhalen        | 214        |
| 1980 | Nulato          | 206        |
| 2000 | Grayling        | 205        |
| 1996 | Tanana          | 204        |
| 1976 | White Mountain  | 194        |
| 2018 | Mekoryuk        | 190        |
| 1976 | Kaltag          | 169        |
| 2008 | Coffman Cove    | 168        |
| 1975 | Deering         | 168        |

| Date | Municipalities    | Population |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 1976 | Ruby              | 168        |
| 1992 | Wales             | 165        |
| 1978 | Allakaket         | 164        |
| 1976 | Golovin           | 163        |
| 1977 | Ouzinkie          | 149        |
| 1998 | Kobuk             | 144        |
| 2000 | Tenakee Spring    | 144        |
| 1976 | Port Lions        | 142        |
| N/A  | Nondalton         | 129        |
| 1979 | Port Heiden       | 119        |
| 1994 | Chuathbaluk       | 111        |
| 2001 | Ekwok             | 106        |
| 1990 | Hughes            | 104        |
| 1975 | Diomedede         | 99         |
| N/A  | Chignik           | 98         |
| 1977 | Nikolai           | 91         |
| 1988 | Koyukuk           | 86         |
| 2017 | Whale Pass        | 86         |
| N/A  | Shageluk          | 84         |
| 1992 | Pilot Point       | 83         |
| N/A  | Akhiok            | 81         |
| 1978 | Kasaan            | 81         |
| 2003 | Anvik             | 80         |
| 1976 | Eagle             | 80         |
| N/A  | Larson Bay        | 80         |
| 2008 | Egegik            | 77         |
| 1975 | Pelican           | 68         |
| 1998 | St. George Island | 68         |
| 2000 | Cold Bay          | 63         |
| 1981 | Clarks Point      | 55         |
| 1976 | Port Alexander    | 55         |
| 1994 | Platinum          | 53         |
| N/A  | Atka              | 47         |
| 1998 | False Pass        | 39         |
| 1977 | Kupreanof         | 27         |
| N/A  | Bettles           | 11         |

# Municipalities Currently Subject to POFD Filing Requirements (30 total)

The 25 municipalities in **RED**  
would be exempt from POFD  
filing requirements for candidates  
AND elected Officials if HB 309  
were to pass (populations of  
15,000 or less)

This leaves 5 municipalities  
(BLACK) still subject to POFD  
filing requirements

| City/Borough                                                                       | Population* | Number of POFD Filers | File Candidate POFDs<br>(municipal candidates) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Anchorage                                                                          | 284,634     | 28                    | Yes                                            |
| Matanuska-Susitna Borough                                                          | 107,081     | 23                    | Yes                                            |
| Fairbanks North Star Borough                                                       | 96,849      | 32                    | Yes                                            |
| Kenai Peninsula Borough                                                            | 58,471      | 30                    | Yes                                            |
| Juneau, City and Borough                                                           | 32,247      | 26                    | Yes                                            |
| Ketchikan Gateway Borough                                                          | 13,843      | 23                    | Yes                                            |
| Kodiak Island Borough                                                              | 13,136      | 22                    | Yes                                            |
| North Slope Borough                                                                | 10,812      | 41                    | Yes                                            |
| Wasilla                                                                            | 8,963       | 12                    | Yes                                            |
| Northwest Arctic Borough                                                           | 7,791       | 30                    | Yes                                            |
| Utqiagvik                                                                          | 5,256       | 7                     | Yes                                            |
| Unalaska                                                                           | 4,561       | 18                    | Yes                                            |
| Soldotna                                                                           | 4,327       | 15                    | Yes                                            |
| Nome                                                                               | 3,662       | 25                    | Yes                                            |
| Kotzebue                                                                           | 3,121       | 15                    | Yes                                            |
| North Pole                                                                         | 2,101       | 7                     | Yes                                            |
| Lake and Peninsula Borough                                                         | 1,663       | 22                    | Yes                                            |
| Skagway                                                                            | 1,095       | 18                    | Yes                                            |
| Togiak                                                                             | 900         | 7                     | No**                                           |
| Selawik                                                                            | 845         | 7                     | No**                                           |
| Hoonah                                                                             | 785         | 19                    | No**                                           |
| Stebbins                                                                           | 646         | 7                     | No**                                           |
| Yakutat                                                                            | 603         | 18                    | No**                                           |
| Thorne Bay                                                                         | 524         | 7                     | No**                                           |
| Angoon                                                                             | 410         | 15                    | No**                                           |
| Hydaburg                                                                           | 398         | 13                    | No**                                           |
| St. Paul                                                                           | 390         | 9                     | No**                                           |
| Lower Kalskag                                                                      | 291         | 8                     | No**                                           |
| Holy Cross                                                                         | 168         | 7                     | No**                                           |
| Edna Bay                                                                           | 43          | 7                     | No**                                           |
|                                                                                    |             |                       |                                                |
| * Latest population figures from the Alaska Municipal League's Municipal Directory |             |                       |                                                |
| **Candidates not regulated under AS 15.13 Campaign Disclosure Law                  |             |                       |                                                |