

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Affirming the Alaska State Legislature's commitment to voter privacy, election**
2 **integrity, and the right to vote; expressing concern regarding disclosure of confidential**
3 **voter information to the United States Department of Justice; and urging action to**
4 **protect voters in the state.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** voters in the state have a reasonable expectation that confidential
7 personal information will be protected by state law and used only for legitimate election
8 administration purposes; and

9 **WHEREAS** art. I, sec. 22, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, enumerates the
10 right of privacy and affirms that "The right of the people to privacy is recognized and shall
11 not be infringed"; and

12 **WHEREAS** art. I, sec. 4, of the United States Constitution, grants state legislatures
13 authority over the "times, places and manner" of federal elections, establishing state
14 sovereignty over electoral processes; and

15 **WHEREAS** AS 15.07.195 establishes that the following voter registration

1 information is confidential under state law: date of birth, social security number or any part of
2 that number, driver's license number, voter identification number, place of birth, voter
3 signature, and residential address, if the voter elects to make the voter's residential address
4 confidential; and

5 **WHEREAS** AS 15.07.195(c)(1) permits disclosure of confidential voter information
6 to federal agencies only when the disclosure is in compliance with federal law and the
7 receiving federal agency uses the information only for governmental purposes authorized
8 under law; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in July 2025, the United States Department of Justice sent the state a
10 letter claiming the state had more registered active voters than citizens of voting age and
11 demanded the state's complete statewide voter registration list; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state initially responded by providing only the publicly available
13 voter list; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in August 2025, the United States Department of Justice demanded the
15 state's complete and unredacted voter registration list, including confidential information, and
16 asserted that state privacy laws were "clearly preempted" by federal law; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in December 2025, the state transmitted its complete voter registration
18 list, including all confidential personal information, to the United States Department of Justice
19 under a memorandum of understanding; and

20 **WHEREAS** the confidential personal information of approximately 570,000
21 registered voters in the state has been transmitted to federal authorities and cannot be
22 retrieved; and

23 **WHEREAS**, as of February 2026, three federal district courts in California, Oregon,
24 and Michigan have substantively ruled on the legal authority of the United States Department
25 of Justice to demand unredacted state voter registration lists, and all three courts rejected the
26 United States Department of Justice's claims; and

27 **WHEREAS** no federal court has ruled in favor of the United States Department of
28 Justice's interpretation of federal law; and

29 **WHEREAS** the state has no mechanism to monitor how the United States Department
30 of Justice is using the state's voter data, no ability to limit the Department of Justice's use of
31 the data, and no means to retrieve the transmitted data; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature has received no assurance from federal
2 authorities that state voter data will not be used for immigration enforcement, criminal
3 investigations, or other purposes unrelated to voter roll maintenance; and

4 **WHEREAS** the state's unique geography, large Alaska Native population, significant
5 military presence, population of senior citizens born before modern vital records systems, and
6 high proportion of residents who live in places that are not on the road system create specific
7 vulnerabilities to both misuse of personal information and documentation-based barriers to
8 voter registration; and

9 **WHEREAS** the federal possession of state voters' confidential personal information
10 creates heightened risk that could lead to residents of the state who are eligible to vote being
11 challenged, investigated, or deterred from voting; and

12 **WHEREAS** election integrity requires both preventing unauthorized voting and
13 protecting every eligible United States citizen's right to vote; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Alaska establishes the Alaska State
15 Legislature's duty to protect the privacy rights of the state's residents and ensure the integrity
16 of the state's electoral processes; and

17 **WHEREAS** sovereignty over the state's election system is a core state function that
18 should not be compromised by federal overreach;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature affirms that the privacy of state
20 voters' confidential personal information is a matter of state rights and that the state's voter
21 confidentiality statutes reflect a considered legislative judgment that personal data may not be
22 used for purposes beyond lawful election administration; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses serious concern
24 that state voter data transmitted to the United States Department of Justice may be used for
25 purposes beyond voter roll maintenance, including purposes that federal courts have found to
26 be outside congressional authorization, and that the state has no mechanism to monitor the use
27 of, limit the use of, or to retrieve the transmitted data; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the division of
29 elections to immediately request, in writing, from the United States Department of Justice a
30 detailed accounting of

31 (1) how state voter data is being stored and for how long;

1 (2) who has access to state voter data and whether any other federal agencies
2 have been granted access;

3 (3) what state voter data has been used for and will be used for;

4 (4) whether state voter data has been or will be cross-referenced with
5 nonelection databases;

6 (5) what safeguards are in place to prevent unauthorized access or misuse; and

7 (6) when state voter data will be destroyed; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, if the division of elections receives a response from
9 the United States Department of Justice, the Alaska State Legislature urges the division of
10 elections to transmit the response to the presiding officer of each house of the Alaska State
11 Legislature within 30 days after receipt; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commits to monitoring the
13 implementation of any federal voter registration requirements to ensure that no eligible
14 resident is disenfranchised by citizenship documentation barriers, with particular attention to

15 (1) Alaska Native communities, where birth records may be incomplete or
16 inaccessible;

17 (2) rural residents and residents living off the road system who face unique
18 challenges obtaining documentary proof of United States citizenship;

19 (3) Alaska Native elders and senior citizens born before modern vital records
20 systems;

21 (4) active duty military personnel and families of active duty military
22 personnel who may have been born outside the state;

23 (5) naturalized citizens who have established lives in the state; and

24 (6) any state resident whose voter registration status is challenged based on
25 information contained in the voter data transmitted to federal authorities; and be it

26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution expresses the will of the Alaska State
27 Legislature, and is intended to provide guidance to state agencies, federal authorities, and the
28 public regarding legislative priorities and intentions for protecting state voter privacy and
29 election integrity.

30 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Pamela Bondi, Attorney
31 General of the United States; the Honorable Harmeet K. Dhillon, Assistant Attorney General,

1 Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice; the Honorable Mike Dunleavy,
2 Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; the
3 Honorable Stephen J. Cox, Attorney General of Alaska Designee; Carol Beecher, Director of
4 Elections, division of elections; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan
5 Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of
6 the Alaska delegation in Congress.