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March 10, 2026

Co-Chair Neal Foster
Co-Chair Andy Josephson
Co-Chair Calvin Schrage
and the House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol, Room 511
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Foster, Josephson and Schrage and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the passage of SB 64: Elections. The League is nonpartisan and does not support or oppose candidates or parties, but it does take positions on issues after reaching a consensus based on careful study. Our position on Election and Election Processes states: "The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) believes voting is a fundamental citizen's right that must be guaranteed. LWVAK works to protect that right and to increase voter participation by all citizens." We believe that the provisions of SB 64 will serve both to protect the rights of Alaska voters and to reduce barriers to participation in elections for qualified Alaska citizens.

We highlight the following key provisions of the bill that will offer the State Division of Elections means of improving the likelihood that a citizen's vote will be counted:

1. **Prepaid postage for absentee and mail-in ballots.** The fact that some ballots require more postage than the standard stamp, that fewer people today communicate by traditional mail and may not have stamps on hand, and that postal service in many areas of the state is contracted and may have limited hours of service, while in other communities there may not be local sales of postage stamps at all, means that this proposal is a low-cost way to easily erase one obstacle in the voting process.
2. **A ballot cure process.** Such a process would ensure that the Division of Elections looks for problems with return envelope identification information before the election and, like 32 other states and the Municipality of Anchorage, allows voters the chance to provide missing information before their votes are discarded. Currently the work of the Division of Elections to identify problems is already established but takes place after the election with no recourse for the voters when they have been notified that their vote did not count. Including the ability to cure missing signatures, whether voter or witness, is a good addition in the latest version of the bill.
3. **Creation of a rural liaison for elections.** This addition of staff will be a step forward in addressing the issues that the Division of Elections faces in a state where geography, language, staffing, disparities in mail service, and a far-flung population make elections in Alaska unique and challenging for both the Division and rural voters.
4. **Addition of tribal IDs as a means of identification.** In a state that is home to such a large proportion of original Alaskans, this new provision is both needed and appropriate.

These provisions along with others in the bill will work to make voting more accessible to Alaskans and, with mechanisms included for ballot curing, will ensure the votes of all Alaskans are counted.

Sincerely,

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Sue Sherif

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Alaska Board



March 10, 2026

House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Alaska State Capitol, Room 519
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 64: Elections

Dear Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the First Alaskans Institute to encourage your support for Senate Bill 64: Elections, currently being considered by the House Finance Committee. Increasing voter access and strengthening our election systems, as this critical legislation does, are crucial steps in ensuring that the votes of all Alaskans count.

Voting is the cornerstone of our representative democratic system. In our work as a statewide Alaska Native non-profit, we advocate for the right of all Alaskans to have the chance to cast their vote, regardless of where they may reside.

The vast majority of Alaskan communities are remote and only accessible by plane or boat. This presents unique and difficult challenges for voting access. These challenges are not insurmountable; however, if left unaddressed, existing challenges may only be exacerbated to the detriment of voters across all of Alaska. This is especially true when considering the provisions laid out in proposed federal elections bills, namely H.R. 22, also known as the SAVE Act, which would require all Alaskans to present their identification in-person at a state elections office to register to vote. This would mean that many rural voters would need to purchase flights (often costing several hundred dollars) to travel to a state elections office just to register to vote.

With a clearly coordinated effort to federalize or reduce the effectiveness of state-operated elections, we believe strengthening Alaska's system through SB64 is preferable to leaving existing shortcomings unaddressed. SB64 sends a strong message to voters that we are committed to maintaining state-run elections, as is guaranteed by article 1, section 4 of the U.S. Constitution and represents progress on issues that too often affect voting in our more vulnerable communities.

For these reasons, we urge that SB64 be passed as soon as possible during this crucial election year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Agloinga", written in a cursive style.

Roy Apagruk Agloinga
President/CEO
First Alaskans Institute



March 06, 2026

To: House Finance Committee
From: Kyla Kosednar, Advocacy Director, The Alaska Center
Re: Support for SB 64

Dear Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Center is committed to building a future in which all Alaskans will thrive. Sustainable energy, a healthy climate, and clean air, water, and salmon are all a part of this vision. Critically, so is a government that is responsive to the needs of all Alaskans. As such, we write to voice our strong support for SB 64, which if passed, would reduce the barriers that still prevent many Alaskans, including military and overseas voters, from making their voices heard in our elections.

The many improvements to our election system that SB 64 would bring include:

- Reducing the ballot rejection rate by establishing a process for ballot curing, ensuring that ballots are not discarded due to honest mistakes.
- Requiring the Division of Elections to implement a secure, mobile-accessible ballot-tracking system that allows voters to confirm when their ballot is sent, received, and counted, and provides information necessary to cure a ballot if needed.
- Modernizing our voter list maintenance by clarifying review timelines, requiring forwardable confirmation notices, defining “contact” with the Division, and aligning cancellation procedures with federal law. These reforms enhance transparency, ensure accurate voter rolls, and provide clear public reporting
- Creating a rural community liaison position to collaborate with tribes and municipalities to facilitate early and absentee voting access in rural communities and ensure adequate precinct staffing.
- Making voting more equitable by sending prepaid envelopes with mail ballots, ensuring no Alaskan has to pay to vote.

Together, these provisions will enhance the security of our elections and make voting more accessible to Alaskans who have been pushed to the margins of our political process. We urge you to continue working toward these important reforms to ensure a more inclusive, fair, and effective electoral system for Alaskans.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of our state.

Sincerely,

Kyla Kosednar
Advocacy Director



March 2, 2026

Rep. Neal Foster, House Finance Co-Chair
Rep. Calvin Schrage, House Finance Co-Chair
Rep. Andy Josephson, House Finance Co-Chair
& House Finance Committee Members

Re: SB 64 – relating to elections

Dear Legislators,

The Anchorage Park Foundation encourages your support of Senate Bill 64 to strengthen Alaskans' ability to exercise their right to vote for essential services.

Anchorage Park Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that has been encouraging voters to support annual park and trail bonds offered by the Municipality of Anchorage for the past 20 years. Anchorage and other communities across Alaska rely on voters to fund essential services for local governments. For the past 14 years, voters have said yes to investing in Anchorage's quality of life through park and trail projects. There are many reasons why people don't choose to vote, but elected officials have the power to make sure voting is easy and accessible to all.

Senate Bill 64 will help make voting easier and more accessible. Please vote to:

- Remove witness signature requirements: Given that the DOE does not verify witness signatures, yet many ballots are rejected based on this criterion, a simple signature should suffice to determine their eligibility.
- Engage young voters and foster a more informed electorate by allowing Alaskans aged 16 and older to preregister to vote.
- Allow electronic signatures for voter applications to update our system and make it easier to register to vote.
- Enhance voter access by allowing registration up until Election Day, helping more young and low-income Alaskans cast their ballots.
- Reduce administrative burdens by creating a recurring absentee voter list, eliminating the need to process mail ballot applications every election cycle.

Sincerely,

Beth Nordlund, Anchorage Park Foundation, Executive Director

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