

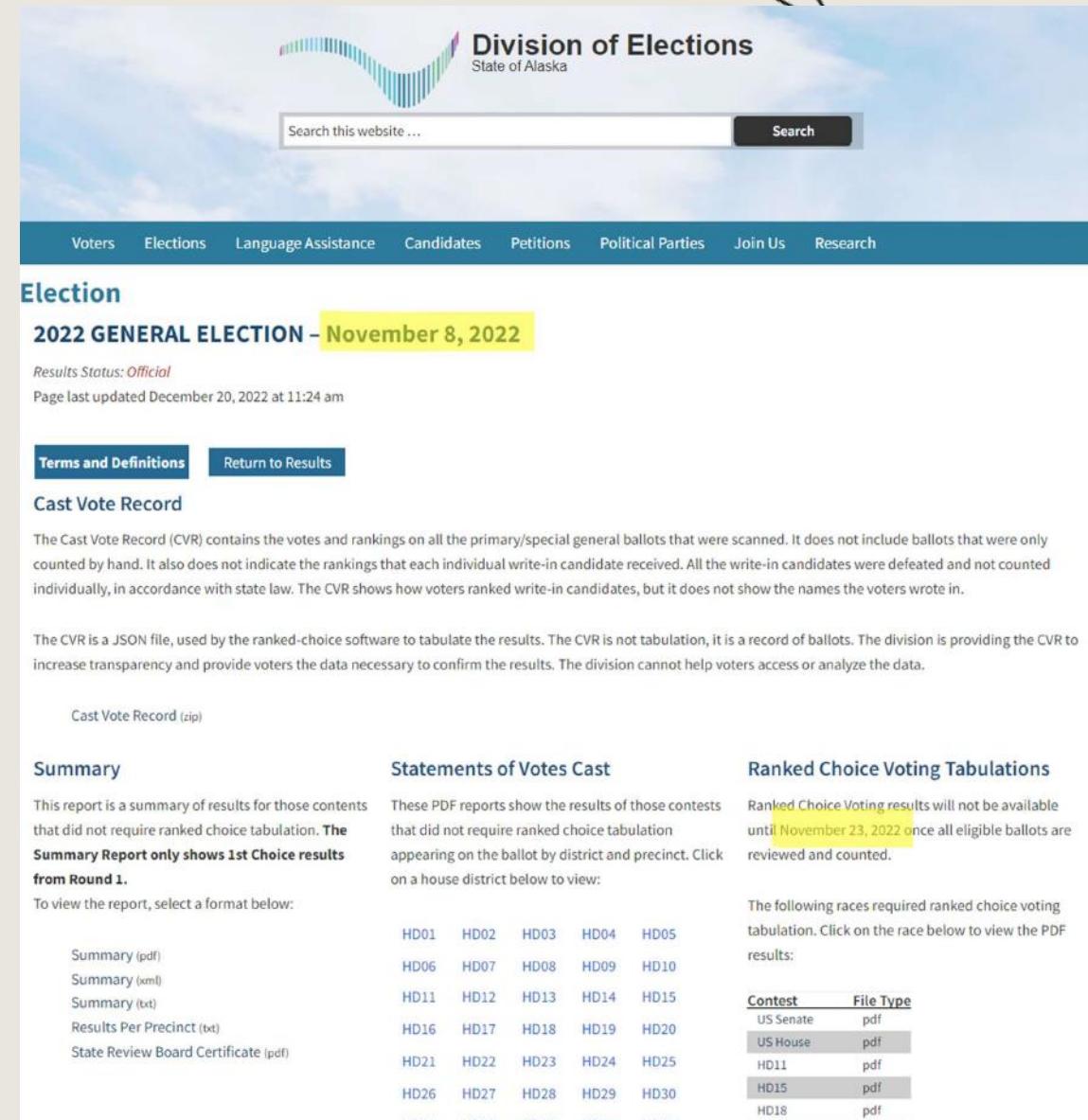
HOUSE BILL 225
POSTING UNOFFICIAL
ELECTIONS RESULTS
REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW GRAY
HD 20

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Ballot Measure 2 in 2020 instituted Ranked Choice Voting (RCV).
- RCV allows voters to rank their candidates in order of preference.
 - If no candidate receives $50\% +$ of the first-choice vote, the candidate with the lowest vote total is eliminated and second-choice votes are reallocated.
 - Process is repeated until one candidate has over 50% of the vote.
- RCV takes more time than single-choice voting.

2022 ALASKA ELECTIONS

- Division of Elections took 15 days to release full tabulation results for the 2022 general election.
- Division of Elections' policy of not releasing ranking data in a timely manner created confusion
- Example: Initial results for 2022 Senate elections had:
 - Kelly Tshibaka in the lead on 11/9.
 - Lisa Murkowski won after tabulation on 11/23.



The screenshot shows the official website of the Division of Elections, State of Alaska. The header features the division's logo and a search bar. The main navigation menu includes links for Voters, Elections, Language Assistance, Candidates, Petitions, Political Parties, Join Us, and Research. Below the menu, a section titled "Election" displays the "2022 GENERAL ELECTION - November 8, 2022". It indicates the results status as "Official" and notes the page was last updated on December 20, 2022, at 11:24 am. Two buttons are present: "Terms and Definitions" and "Return to Results". The "Cast Vote Record" section explains that it contains ranked-choice voting data for all scanned ballots, excluding hand-counted write-in candidates. It notes that the CVR is a JSON file used for tabulation and provides a link to the "Cast Vote Record (zip)". The "Summary" section provides a general overview of the results, mentioning that the "Summary Report only shows 1st Choice results from Round 1". The "Statements of Votes Cast" section links to PDF reports for various districts (HD01, HD02, HD03, HD04, HD05, HD06, HD07, HD08, HD09, HD10, HD11, HD12, HD13, HD14, HD15, HD16, HD17, HD18, HD19, HD20, HD21, HD22, HD23, HD24, HD25, HD26, HD27, HD28, HD29, HD30). The "Ranked Choice Voting Tabulations" section notes that results will be available after November 23, 2022. A table at the bottom lists contests (US Senate, US House, HD11, HD15, HD18) and their corresponding file types (pdf).

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Terms and Definitions **Return to Results**

Cast Vote Record

The Cast Vote Record (CVR) contains the votes and rankings on all the primary/special general ballots that were scanned. It does not include ballots that were only counted by hand. It also does not indicate the rankings that each individual write-in candidate received. All the write-in candidates were defeated and not counted individually, in accordance with state law. The CVR shows how voters ranked write-in candidates, but it does not show the names the voters wrote in.

The CVR is a JSON file, used by the ranked-choice software to tabulate the results. The CVR is not tabulation, it is a record of ballots. The division is providing the CVR to increase transparency and provide voters the data necessary to confirm the results. The division cannot help voters access or analyze the data.

Cast Vote Record (zip)

Summary

This report is a summary of results for those contests that did not require ranked choice tabulation. **The Summary Report only shows 1st Choice results from Round 1.**

To view the report, select a format below:

Summary (pdf)
Summary (xml)
Summary (txt)
Results Per Precinct (txt)
State Review Board Certificate (pdf)

HD01 HD02 HD03 HD04 HD05
HD06 HD07 HD08 HD09 HD10
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Statements of Votes Cast

These PDF reports show the results of those contests that did not require ranked choice tabulation appearing on the ballot by district and precinct. Click on a house district below to view:

Ranked Choice Voting Tabulations

Ranked Choice Voting results will not be available until **November 23, 2022** once all eligible ballots are reviewed and counted.

The following races required ranked choice voting tabulation. Click on the race below to view the PDF results:

Contest	File Type
US Senate	pdf
US House	pdf
HD11	pdf
HD15	pdf
HD18	pdf

RESULTS DON'T HAVE TO BE SLOW

- Delay in results undermines trust in elections.
- Digital scanning of ballots allows for instant release of results.
- Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center recommends several actions including:
 - Round by round tabulation tally on election night.
 - Publishing the entire ballot record so that anyone can verify the results.
 - Clear communication of expectations, timelines, and results.

WHAT DOES HB 225 DO?

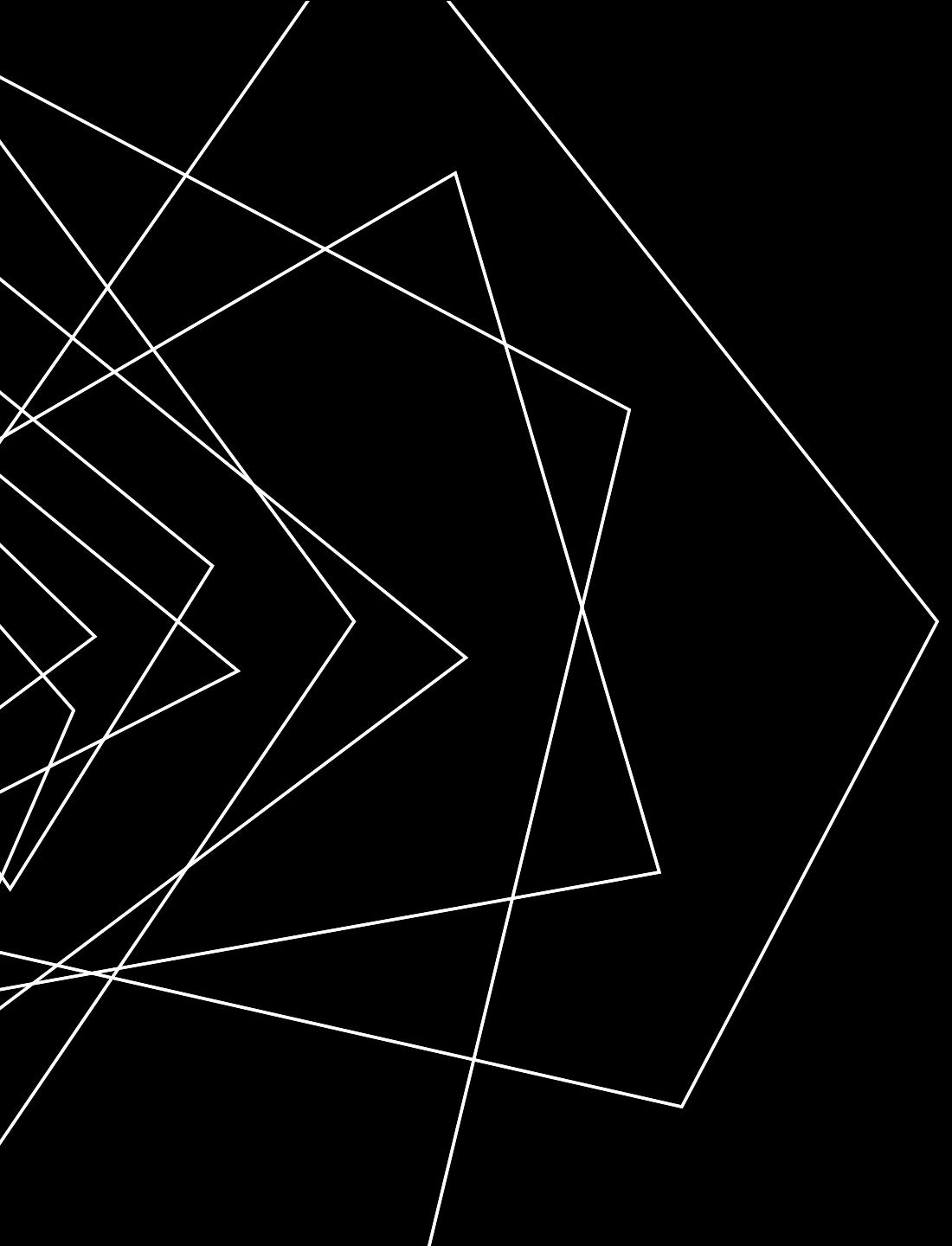
- Incorporates some of these best practices for Alaska elections.
- Releases the unofficial results with ALL of the ballot data the day after election day, not just first-choice votes.
 - No more 15-day delays for results.
 - Ongoing release of unofficial election results will include ALL ballot data.
- Allows for elections observers to conduct their own tabulations in order to see how second, third, etc. votes will be allocated.
 - No blindsiding

WHAT DOES HB 225 NOT DO?

- Data will not include hand-count precincts in preliminary release of results.
- Does not affect municipal election procedures. Municipalities that have adopted hand-count elections will not be affected.
- Does not require the Division of Elections to conduct a round-by-round tabulation, adding additional staffing.
 - Just releases the ballot data so observers, media, etc. can conduct their own tabulations.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- If RCV is overturned, HB 225 no longer applies.
- HB 225 brings transparency and efficiency to Alaska elections – we will be like the rest of the country: we will know who is *really* in the lead in our closest races the day after the elections.



THANK YOU

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