

**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 Alaska Division of Elections. The header includes the state logo and a search bar. A navigation menu lists various election-related topics. The main content area is titled 'Election' and features a prominent banner for the '2022 GENERAL ELECTION - November 8, 2022'. Below this, it states the results status is 'Official' and provides the last update time. There are buttons for 'Terms and Definitions' and 'Return to Results'. The 'Cast Vote Record' section explains that the CVR contains scanned ballots but excludes hand-counted ones and write-in candidates. It also notes that the CVR is a JSON file used for tabulation. A link for the 'Cast Vote Record (zip)' is provided. The page is divided into three columns: 'Summary', 'Statements of Votes Cast', and 'Ranked Choice Voting Tabulations'. The 'Summary' column offers various report formats (pdf, xml, txt) and a link to the State Review Board Certificate. The 'Statements of Votes Cast' column provides a grid of links to PDF reports for various house districts (HD01 to HD30). The 'Ranked Choice Voting Tabulations' column states that results will not be available until November 23, 2022, and lists races requiring ranked choice voting with links to their respective PDF results.

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## Election

### 2022 GENERAL ELECTION - November 8, 2022

Results Status: Official  
Page last updated December 20, 2022 at 11:24 am

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 contents 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)

#### 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:

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

#### 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?

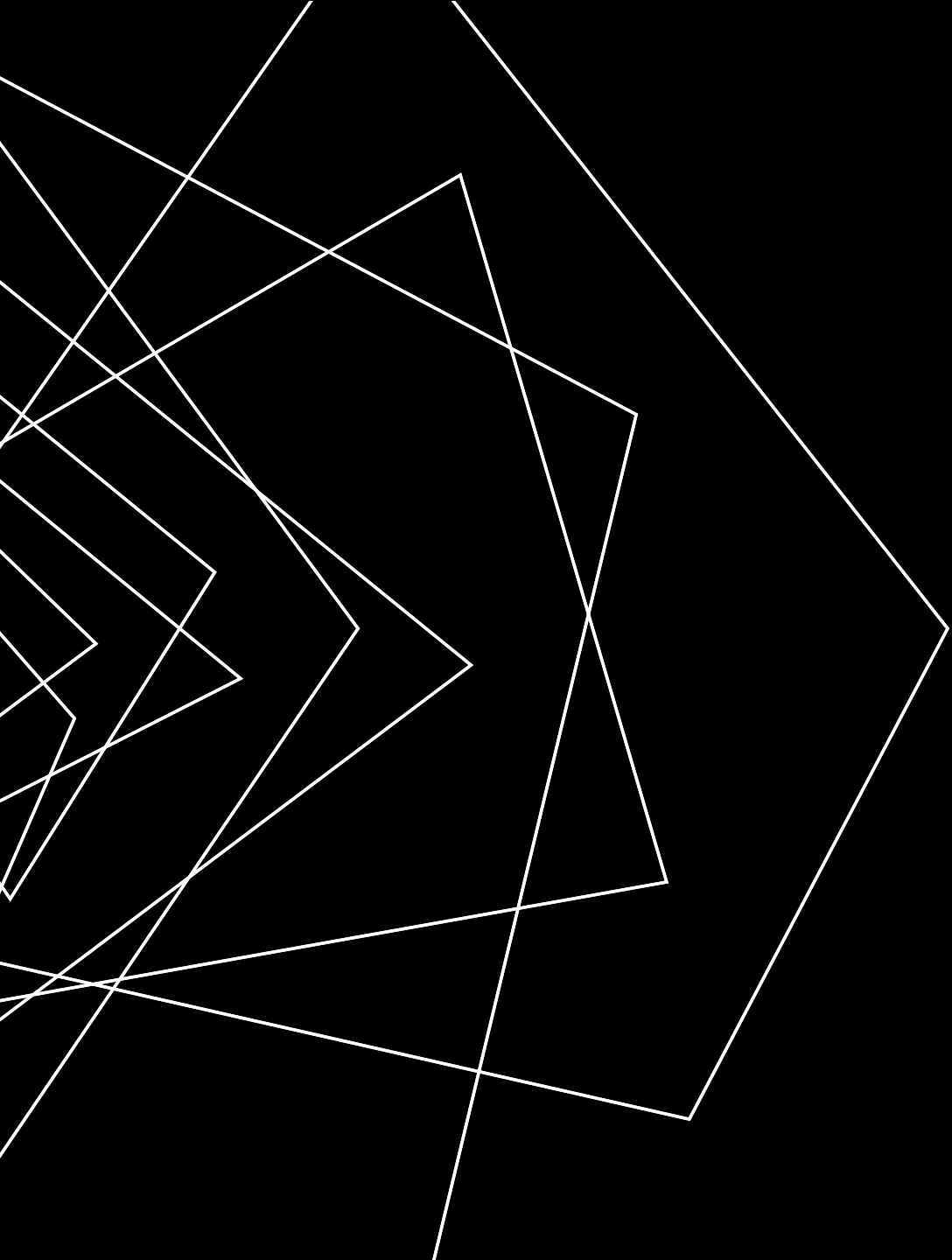
- Incorporates some of these best practices for Alaska elections.
- Releases the unofficial results with ALL of the ballot data the day after election day, not just first-choice votes.
  - No more 15-day delays for results.
  - Ongoing release of unofficial election results will include ALL ballot data.
- 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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