



MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION

Testimony in Support of Amendments to SB 64

May 14, 2025

Co-chairs Foster, Josephson and Schrage and members of the House Finance Committee, my name is Melissa Patack, and I'm vice president of state government affairs for the Motion Picture Association. We are the trade association for the leading producers and distributors of motion pictures and TV and streaming programs. Our members are Amazon Prime Studio/MGM, Disney, NBCUniversal, Netflix, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures and Warner Bros. Discovery. Our members also own national broadcast and cable networks.

We have proposed some amendments to the deceptive synthetic media section of SB 64. That section is section 64 of the bill beginning on page 26 of SB 64.

We submitted these amendments to SB 33, a bill that addresses only deceptive election synthetic media, now pending in the Senate State Affairs Committee. I'll explain the amendments and note that they align with laws adopted in several other states, including New Hampshire and Delaware.

The first amendment would add a timeframe to the provision so that the provisions are relevant to the election season. We are requesting that the timeframe be within 90 days of an election.

Second, we are asking in the paragraph that exempts interactive computer service, ISPs, cloud service providers, that video streaming platform, Internet website or online platform and mobile application, be added so that these services also have exemptions, as long as they are not the creator of the deceptive synthetic media. This will ensure that the whole internet ecosystem is treated similarly.

Third, we are requesting an exemption in the situation where a deceptive synthetic media election communication may be newsworthy and may be the subject of a news story, as long as the distribution acknowledges that the communication may not be authentic.

Thank you for your consideration and I'm happy to answer any questions.



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Requested Amendments to Senate Bill 64

On page 26, line 24

(a) A person may not knowingly use synthetic media in an electioneering communication, **within 90 days of an election in which the candidate featured in the electioneering communication through synthetic media will appear on the ballot**, with the intent to influence an election.

On page 27, line 29

(e) An interactive computer service, **video streaming platform, Internet website or online platform, mobile application**, Internet service provider, cloud service provider, telecommunications network, or radio or television broadcaster, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer, is not liable under this section for hosting, publishing, or distributing an electioneering communication provided by another person. For purposes of this section, a developer of the technology used to create synthetic media that is in an electioneering communication is not the creator of the electioneering communication. This subsection does not prevent an individual from bringing an action under (b)(3) of this section for removing a disclosure statement.

(f) A radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer, or Internet website or online platform, including a streaming platform, is not liable under this section for broadcasting an electioneering communications as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, or on-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events, if the broadcast clearly acknowledges through content or a disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard or read by the average listener or viewer, that there are questions about the authenticity of the electioneering communication.

[Re-letter paragraphs accordingly.]

From: Tammy Hogge [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:42 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

I would like the legislation to know that I am against SB64.
Tammy Hogge
Alaskan resident 45 years

From: Patty Wisel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:23 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: VOTE NO ON SB64!

Good morning members of House Finance:

We strongly ask you to vote NO on SB64, related to MANY election changes. We absolutely do NOT want same day voter registration or to even consider statewide mail-in voting in the future. This bill is not what your constituents, the citizens of the great state of Alaska, want. Again, please VOTE NO ON SB64!

Respectfully,

John & Patty Wisel
Fairbanks
[REDACTED]

From: Natalie Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:08 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

House Finance Members,

My husband and I do not support this bill.

Thank you,
Natalie and Christian Martin
Wasilla

From: Keddie Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 3:23 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Urgent Opposition to SB 64 – Protect Alaska’s Election Integrity

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 64, the election reform bill currently under consideration. While the goal of modernizing Alaska’s election system is commendable, this legislation introduces provisions that threaten the security of our elections and could place an undue financial burden on the state. I urge you to consider the following concerns and vote against this bill.

Key Concerns with SB 64

1. Same-Day Voter Registration^[SEP] Permitting voter registration on election day increases the risk of fraud by limiting the time available to verify eligibility. This could allow ineligible individuals to cast votes, undermining the integrity of the process. Additionally, it places significant strain on election officials already managing a demanding day, potentially leading to errors or delays.
2. Removal of Witness Signature for Absentee Ballots^[SEP] Eliminating the witness signature requirement removes a vital safeguard against fraudulent voting. This step ensures that the person submitting an absentee ballot is the registered voter. Without it, the potential for abuse rises, eroding trust in the electoral system.
3. Expansion of Mail-In Voting^[SEP] Expanding mail-in voting, including absentee voting within 30 days of Election Day, introduces security vulnerabilities. Ballots could be lost, stolen, or tampered with more easily than with in-person voting. Moreover, implementing and securing this system will incur significant costs, straining Alaska’s budget at a time when fiscal prudence is essential.
4. Ballot Curing Process^[SEP] The new ballot curing process, intended to allow voters to correct errors, could be exploited to manipulate votes after submission. This risks undermining fairness and public confidence, as it may create opportunities for undue influence or disputes over election results.
5. Rushed Legislative Process^[SEP] SB 64 has moved quickly through the legislature with limited public input and debate. A bill of this magnitude, altering the foundation of our elections, demands thorough scrutiny to avoid unintended consequences that could harm Alaska’s democracy.

Financial Implications

Beyond security risks, SB 64 requires funding for expanded mail-in voting, a cybersecurity program, and increased election observer access. These costs could burden Alaska’s finances at a time when resources are already stretched. The fiscal impact must be carefully evaluated before proceeding.

I respectfully urge you to prioritize the integrity and security of Alaska’s elections by voting against SB 64. Modernization should not compromise the safeguards that protect our democratic process or impose unnecessary costs on taxpayers. Please listen to the concerns of your constituents and reject this bill in its current form.

Thank you for your service and commitment to Alaska. I trust you will make a decision that upholds the strength and reliability of our election system.

Sincerely,

Keddie Johnson

[REDACTED]

Kenai, AK 99611

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: David J. Cushwa [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 2:38 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for SB64

I support SB64.
Thank you.
David Cushwa
[REDACTED]
Anchorage

From: Natalie Lambrecht [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 1:18 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Vote NO please

Stop this insanity. Alaskans deserve fair clean elections. Vote no to save our state Republicans, to save our country. Otherwise it's time to find new leadership. You are out of control Sent from my iPhone

From: Renee Eidem [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:26 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

To the Finance committee,

I am asking you to vote down SB 64. I would like to recommend you follow the current rules in regard to election integrity currently on the books. No point in making more rules when the current ones aren't even being followed.

Try doing things smarter,

Renee Eidem
Homer Ak 99603
[REDACTED]

From: Michael Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 5:19 PM
To: Charlie Franz; Rep. Sarah Vance; House Finance; Michael Jones
Cc: Elaine Bramer; Laura Heckert; Waynette Coleman; George Hall; Mary Lambe; Renee Eidem; Becky Woods; Douglas O'Brien; Mary Hutchison; Gayle Claus; Kathy Toms; Leonard Miller; Hope Casseri; Eileen Becker; Claire O'Donnell
Subject: Re: SB64

Honorable Representative Vance,
I too attempted to testify on SB 64 today, with the same results as Charlie Franz.

I similarly oppose SB 64, and I did leave a message with your office encouraging you to vote against it when it comes up for vote.

Mr. Franz lays out many concerns with the Bill, particularly within the theme of “removing barriers to voting”. The actions proposed in this theme actually increase the risk of fraud and reduce election integrity.

Additionally, the provision on page 18 of the Bill, lines 1-4, lays out that an absentee ballot would be accepted if a tracking barcode can verify the ballot was MAILED ON OR BEFORE election day. We should be requiring absentee ballots to be RECEIVED BY election day. In NO WAY should an absentee ballot be MAILED ON election day. In fact, given the time required for mail delivery from the Division of Elections, to the Voter, then back to the Division of Elections, it's difficult to support the logic that any absentee ballots should be issued by the Division of Elections within 7 days of election day.

This bill should not make it out of the House Finance Committee, however, if it should pass through the House Finance Committee, it should be summarily voted down.

Thank you.

Michael L. Jones
Homer Resident
[REDACTED]

From: Charlie Franz [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 4:15 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>, House.Finance@akleg.gov <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Elaine Bramer [REDACTED] Laura Heckert [REDACTED] Waynette Coleman [REDACTED] George Hall [REDACTED] Mary Lambe [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Renee Eidem [REDACTED] Becky Woods [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Douglas O'Brien [REDACTED] Mary Hutchison
[REDACTED], Michael Jones [REDACTED], Gayle Claus [REDACTED]
Kathy Toms [REDACTED], Leonard Miller [REDACTED] Hope Casseri
[REDACTED], Eileen Becker [REDACTED], Claire O'Donnell
[REDACTED]

Subject: SB64

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3. The provisions for cleaning up the voter roll are very weak and offer little improvement over the current situation.
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6. Adding ballot curing is not necessary - only approximately 1300 absentee ballots were rejected in the last election. If people are too stupid or careless to sign and date their ballot, perhaps they shouldn't vote.
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9. There is no requirement for photo identification even though free state Identification cards are readily available.

This bill needs a serious rewrite.

Respectfully,
Charlie

From: Ronald Dukes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 5:08 PM
To: House Finance Legislation
Subject: SB64

I urge all of you to vote SB64 down today. This bill has been drastically changed and will harm us Alaskans.
Ron Dukes

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jasmine Redgrave [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 5:02 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for SB 67

To the House Finance Committee,

My name is Jasmine Redgrave and I live within the Dena'ina homelands in Anchorage, AK. I support SB 64 because I believe that every Alaskan deserves to exercise their right to vote. My mother lives in the community of Utqiagvik. She is a U.S. citizen and has lived in Alaska for nearly 30 years, but English is not her first language. It is unfair that her ballot would simply be thrown out if she makes a mistake – a ballot curing process would give her the opportunity to correct honest mistakes. I think that if people were given the opportunity to show up imperfectly and still have their ballot counted, it could eliminate a barrier that prevents people from even trying to vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Redgrave

From: Charlie Franz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 4:16 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance; House Finance
Cc: Elaine Bramer; Laura Heckert; Waynette Coleman; George Hall; Mary Lambe; Renee Eidem; Becky Woods; Douglas O'Brien; Mary Hutchison; Michael Jones; Gayle Claus; Kathy Toms; Leonard Miller; Hope Casseri; Eileen Becker; Claire O'Donnell
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Charlie

From: Michael garhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:54 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB-64

I'm against this Bill it totally weakens Election Security .

From: Aileen Cotter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:21 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

My email to house senate about SB 64

House Finance Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 64 (SB 64D). While this bill is framed as a modernization of Alaska's election laws, it contains several deeply troubling provisions that jeopardize both the security of our elections and the fundamental freedoms of Alaskans.

Here are my major concerns:

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The bill does nothing to address Alaska’s continued participation in the ERIC system, which shares voter data across states. Alaskans deserve full transparency and a public decision on whether we should stay in a system with known security and privacy concerns.

9. APOC Reporting Increases Donor Exposure

The bill increases public reporting requirements for campaign donors without clear privacy protections. In small communities, that can open the door to intimidation or harassment of people simply for supporting a candidate or cause.

In short, SB 64 creates more problems than it solves. It weakens voter ID protections, opens new doors for fraud and interference, centralizes election control in unelected hands, and threatens freedom of speech. I urge you to vote NO on SB 64 and instead support election reforms that are secure, transparent, and accountable to the people of Alaska.

and this bill still doesn’t address the issue of dominion voting machines.

Sincerely,
Ella Cotter
North Pole
Sent from my iPhone

From: Donald Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:56 PM
To: House Finance Legislation
Subject: SB 64

Vote NO on SB 64 it is a huge impedance of the 1st and 4th Amendment, it tends to endorse/induce abuse of alcohol over a choice of who represents us at Borough, State and Country Levels by allowing larger advertising and signs to be used in connection with alcohol than advertising and signs for our representatives inducing the populace to overlook the credence of would-be representatives in favor of alcohol consumption

Donald Thompson
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks Ak 99710

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From: Susan Stuart-Kuelper [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:03 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

Good day!! In reviewing the proposed changes for our elections under SB64, PLEASE schedule this bill for full House consideration next session where compromise and transparency are possible.

There are a number of issues that need to be reviewed more closely and which the residents of Alaska need better understanding.

I will provide comments to my representative on areas of concern.

If this bill passes as presented, I will petition the governor to veto.

Thank you.

Susan Stuart-Kuelper

Sent from my iPhone

From: danny slane [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:56 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

This bill is a disaster. It weakens the integrity of the whole voting process.

If you want to vote absentee that's fine, but rules should remain to request it each year and have a witness signature. Sending out absentee ballots to a voter continually for 4 years is insane, it opens the door to fraud and will cause more work for the postal service due to bad addresses.

And curing ballots is not a good idea. You take a test you don't get to fix your answers. Plus it would be an overwhelming job for election workers. If it's not complete it shouldn't count.

Danny Slane
Fairbanks

From: Joe and De Buckwalter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:45 PM
To: House Finance; senator.mark.claman@akleg.gov
Subject: SB 64

I'm writing to request you schedule this bill for full House Consideration next session where compromise and transparency are possible.

I'm concerned about several issues in this bill and feel they need to be reviewed more closely and offer us residents a better understanding.

If this bill passes as presented, I will petition the governor to veto.

Thank you for considering my input as representatives of our voices.

De Buckwalter

From: Libby Dalton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

This is a terrible bill - VOTE NO!!!

There does not appear to be anything that provides for better election security. Everything weakens election security.

No reason to show my Voter ID card, driver's license etc. You're pandering to the mail-in voters. If Gabrielle LeDoux could find a way to stuff the ballot box with mail in votes, others will too!

Libby Dalton Slane
D35 Fairbanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

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This expand who could Vote in an election and this needs further explanation to people who are not well educated. Why the complicated who is a resident? Voter ID unless you are putting pictures on all these forms of ID then that would be acceptable.! And there are other areas in question which I will provide comments to my representatives on the areas of concern.!

If this bill passes as presented, I will petition the governor to veto.

Thank you.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:24 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: ABSOLUTELY NO on SB64 - We need Election Integrity - Not the Corruption in this bill !

I Strongly oppose SB 64.

**No Change to Alaska ELECTION
LAW**

The ONLY Revision we need to Alaska Election Law are:

- **Photo ID**
- **Paper Ballots**
- **Same Day Voting**
- **Voter Registration Roles Certified 30 days prior to election**

NO:

- **Ballot Harvesting**
- **Mail In Ballots**
- **Change to REQUIRED WITNESS SIGNATURE AND ID**

Sincerely,

Gerard Farkas

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99508

[REDACTED] c

From: LnDBaxter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:20 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Ky Holland; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB64

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Duby Baxter
Anchorage

From: Kristen Volle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:03 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please vote NO to SB64

Please oppose SB64

We alaskans want to have safe and trusted elections. Elections should be on paper ballots, counted on the same day in their precincts. We DONT WANT ranked choice voting. Mail in ballots should not be automatically given to everyone The people of Alaska are tired of our voices being silenced and our we want our voices heard through our elections knowing that when we vote for something our vote counted and was counted accurately.

Kristen Acosta
Wasilla, AK 99654

From: Linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

REJECT!!
Linda Hill
Anchorage 99515

From: Ann Szanto [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:31 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: No on SB 64

My name is Ann Szanto, house district 12. I am emailing to urge our elected officials to vote NO on SB 64. Our election integrity is already at risk and will be even worse if this bill passes.

Thank you for your time.

Ann

From: Wanda Huber [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:30 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB--64

I am opposed to SB 64!

I feel that it is a very rushed-through attempt trying to do too much too fast.

The number and kinds of voter identification is quite sufficient as it presently is and does not need to be expanded any further.

Absentee Ballots **SHOULD** continue to have a Witness signature and, by not having them, would only continue to have more fraud than we already have.

Absentee Ballots should have to be requested for **EVERY** election - they should **NEVER** be sent out automatically. That increases the possibility of fraud enormously.

Alaska should **NOT** have **ANY** Drop Boxes.

Too much has been included in this bill.

Please vote **NO!**

Sincerely,

Wanda Huber
Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Desi Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:06 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Desiree Terry
Subject: Please Oppose SB 64!

We want Elections that can be trusted and the changes here only add more layers of ambiguity.
We need Election to be ONE Day, Paper Ballots counted in the Precincts! and to do away with RCV.
This is what the People of Alaska want and will be happy with, elections that are completely transparent and auditalble!

Desiree Terry
Palmer AK 99645

From: Ruby Shorey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to oppose the ELECTION INTEGRITY BILL you are taking up today. There is no integrity in removing witness signatures on mail in ballots. There is no integrity in accepting various identification cards. Identification cards that are accepted for driving or flying or buying alcohol or marijuana should suffice, no exceptions. In outlying areas and villages, people generally know each other which is also acceptable for identification by election workers. Utility bills and bank statements are in no way acceptable by any means. Furthermore, no ballot received after Election Day should be counted. It's Election Day not Election Week or TWO.

Absentee ballots should be kept to a minimum, as needed and as requested, not mailed out to everyone. Unlimited drop boxes should not be considered at all. Have you all seen 2,000 Mules?

Any money spent on Ballot Initiatives should provide a true source of where funds originate from. I hear words like "No Dark Money" but this bill provides for exactly that, in secret, and should not be allowed. We have fought hard in the Fairbanks North Star Borough to keep Ranked Choice Voting out of our local elections, keep our elected officials from implementing all mail in voting and to not renew a 5 year contract with Dominion for voting machines.

We want 1 Day Voting, paper ballots, valid identification and same day or next day vote totals. Waiting 2 weeks or more for vote totals is utterly ridiculous in this day and age of technology. This bill takes us backwards, not forward and I strongly oppose all of it.

Please DO NOT PASS THIS SB64.

One more thing, this bill goes directly against a recent Executive Order signed by President Trump, who the Alaska majority voted for, an important fact you should remember and consider.

We Alaskans deserve a much better approach than what is listed in SB 64.

Thank you Sincerely,
Tim and Ruby Shorey

[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK. 99705
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tiffany Damota [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:53 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: No to sb 64

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Supplee

-Fairbanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly Nash [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:25 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Oppose SB64

House Finance Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan to urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 64 (SB 64D). While this bill is framed as a modernization of Alaska’s election laws, it contains several deeply troubling provisions that jeopardize both the security of our elections and the fundamental freedoms of Alaskans.

Here are my major concerns:

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2. Weakens Voter ID Integrity

The bill allows voters to verify their identity using utility bills or bank statements—documents that are far easier to fake or misuse than a government-issued ID. Yet to apply for a Permanent Fund Dividend, an Alaskan must present a valid driver’s license. If that’s the standard for receiving state funds, it should be the standard for casting a vote.

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- • In Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington (2024), arsonists set fire to ballot drop boxes just days before the election, destroying hundreds of ballots.

4. Centralizes Power in the Division of Elections

SB 64 shifts election authority away from the elected Lieutenant Governor to unelected staff in the Division of Elections. This weakens accountability and opens the door to political bias in how elections are managed and enforced.

5. Outside “Experts” With No Oversight

The bill allows the Division to contract “nationally recognized” election experts to audit voter rolls—without naming who they are or how they’re chosen. This could lead to partisan groups influencing our state’s elections through vague back channels, with no input from voters or legislators.

6. Synthetic Media Provision Threatens Free Speech

SB 64 bans AI-generated political content unless it carries specific disclaimers. Anyone who reposts or shares such content could be sued—even if it’s satire or commentary. This vague and overly broad law threatens Alaskans’ First Amendment rights and opens the door to censorship in political dialogue.

7. Opens the Door to Ballot Harvesting

The bill weakens safeguards for special needs voting by allowing representatives to deliver ballots without rejecting them for procedural errors unless intentional misconduct is proven. This invites abuse by third-party ballot collectors with minimal accountability.

8. Silent on ERIC – Alaska Voter Data at Risk

The bill does nothing to address Alaska’s continued participation in the ERIC system, which shares voter data across states. Alaskans deserve full transparency and a public decision on whether we should stay in a system with known security and privacy concerns.

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From: MICHAEL COONS [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:59 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Jubilee Underwood; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Robert Yundt
Subject: Oppose SB 64

I oppose SB 64.

First off, the sponsor is saying that the Senate Minority was supportive. I have talked to key members that is not the case.

The removal of witness signatures is a big issue with me. It is so easy to do. We have a problem with election fraud, having a neighbor signing that the person is a real person helps stop that fraud.

Curing ballots is questionable to say the least. Per division of elections, if I send in my absentee ballot not properly filled out, it doesn't get counted. Putting the correct information is on the voter. Also, I asked the question about how this will happen. Will it be an affidavit, returning the ballot, contact by phone, email or letter? He couldn't answer. All that takes time and time is money. The language is ambiguous on this. Bottom line is, it is the voters responsibility to correctly fill out the absentee ballot, period. There was an amendment that was passed that the sponsor did not give information on prior to the votes, thus the minority voted against. This sadly is a favored tactic of the left.

Senator Shower has had election legislation for years, blocked by the left/socialists. Senator Hughes had a bill this session, SB 52, had one hearing, public testimony waived, that is happening a lot as well. Thus a long history by the left/socialists to ensure a continuing convoluted election process vs solid fixes.

The sponsor is notorious in putting bills up that have many issues that are hard to understand and find, because of the language of the bills, this one, one of the worse!

It has been stated by the left/socialists that prior bills were too bulky and that individual bills on fixes would be supported. Again, that was a diversion and lie. Then of course the attacks on Senator Showers past bills

as racist and other derogatory comments have left me to distrust this or any other like bill from the left.

The Senate Minority voted no on this. I support their vote and as such, I oppose SB 64.

Mike Coons
Wasilla

From: cindy hinkes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:52 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 64

I want it to be known that I are OPPOSED to HB 64. Please vote NO today. The wording is deceptive and I feel strongly on this matter.

Sincerely
Cynthia Hinkes
Fairbanks voter

From: Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:46 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

Dear House Finance Committee,

Thank you for considering SB 64. This compromise bill contains several election reforms that fix problems in our current voting system. Streamlining our process of dropping ineligible voters will create a better voter list. Improving cybersecurity and banning deep AI fake ads will update our elections in this tech age. Allowing tribal ID cards, dropping the witness signature requirement, and allowing people to continue absentee ballots will help voters and let state election workers focus on more important duties. I encourage you to support this bill and send it on for the full House to pass it before the end of the session.

I appreciate your time,

Cheryl Lovegreen

From: Patty Bouton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:00 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman Jesse
Subject: Oppose SB 64

I adamantly oppose SB 64.

SB 64 is an illegal Bill according to Alaska Constitution, Article II, Section 13, Single Subject Rule. You pretend all of these changes apply to one subject, but that is being disingenuous.

This Bill will change the following:

1. Elections;
2. Preregistration for miners;
3. Alaska Public Office Commission;
4. Synthetic media in electioneering communications;
5. Campaign Signs;
6. Public official financial disclosures;
7. Criminalize unlawful interference in first degree.

You, the Legislative body is bankrupting this state with unsustainable Pension and School Budgets, and now you want to change how we can vote you out of office.

No...Leave elections alone.

Patricia Bouton

Soldotna, AK

us Help us drain the swamp; sign the petition today to end Federal overreach. <http://conventionofstates.com/?ref=68664>

From: Donna Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:24 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Oppose SB 64

I oppose SB 64. We need reform, not regression, of election procedures.

Donna Anderson
Kenai, AK

From: Curly Bill Brosius [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:03 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB-64

Stop this bill. As a long time Alaska resident.

I believe in our Constitutional Republic. This bill undermines our elections.

Our elections need to be for citizens of the USA. We need voter ID and proof of citizenship at ALL out elections.

Stop SB -64 now !

Steven Brosius

From: Irene Quednow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

Dear Representatives,

I am categorically against SB64. I live in Anchorage, where we have mail in voting and no witness signature requirement. The witness signature for the general election on absentee ballots was removed by the Alaska Supreme Court which has no power to change voting laws but did it anyway - see section 4 of the American Constitution). There are several facts that you should take into consideration:

1. Changing to mail-in voting did NOT increase voter turnout in Anchorage as claimed,
2. In the 2023 municipal election there was a considerable number of people in my district (3) that did not receive their ballot and by the time the Election Center put out a notice that they could come to a vote center to vote it did not reach the affected voters in time, thus depriving these voters of their right to vote.
3. There were also discrepancies between the ballots mailed out and the list of eligible voters.
4. Since nothing has been done to clean up the voter rolls, people who have died or moved long ago receive ballots, which is a recipe for fraudulent voting.
5. Mail in voting is also rife for fraud because there are too many points where there is no tracking without gaps possible. To insure election integrity we need to be able to track a ballot the whole way - and the best way to do that is with in-person voting.
6. Absentee voting has always existed and is needed, but there is no need to mail ballots to everyone. Absentee voting should only be available upon request.
7. Throwing out the witness signature is a bad idea. If the voter and the witness both sign the envelope it is very hard to discard the ballot, but if only the voter signs the ballot envelope, it is very easy to claim that the signature on the envelope does not match the signature on record as it is a subjective judgement by the person(s) that is (are) comparing the signatures.

And expanding ballot harvesting is an even greater invitation for fraud. I urge you to vote "no" on SB 64. We need to eliminate potential fraud, not increase the potential for it. Alaskans have been asking for election integrity for a long time now. It is time to start listening to your constituents and take active steps to tighten election security, not loosen it.

Irene Quednow

From: Rhonda Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:33 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB64

Vote no on SB64. This bill is directly against what Alaskans want. You forget you work for the people. This bill should be killed.

Sincerely

Rhonda Lewis

From: Dave Crowley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:26 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

Greetings,

I am an Alaska resident, active voter, and member of the Fairbanks Voter Integrity Team. I am opposed to SB 64 for several reasons. First, all mail-in voting should be repealed because it has proven to be a means of fraudulent voting across the nation. It is also quite inefficient and is a large waste of funds.

Having worked extensively with voter rolls for my Team, I am opposed to adding pre-registration for 16-17 year old Alaska residents. This would add another level of complexity and unintended consequences to our voter rolls which are already riddled with errors. These are primarily voters who have moved out of state and remain on voter rolls (many who have requested to be removed from the list!), but also residents who have not voted for many years. As a result our voter rolls have about 10% more voters listed than we have eligible residents in the State. Sloppy, bloated voter rolls are fraud magnets. Our Div. Of Elections seems incapable of maintaining clean voter rolls. As a former (retired) wildlife biologist with ADF&G, I would have been taken out back to the woodshed if I had maintained moose population data as poorly as our voter rolls.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 64. Happy Spring,

David W. Crowley

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks 99712
[REDACTED]

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64...

To all legislators:

I am opposed to SB 64

It seems to be a very rushed-through attempt trying to do too much too fast.
The number and kinds of voter identification is quite sufficient and does not need to be expanded.
Absentee Ballots **should** continue to have a Witness signature.
Absentee Ballots should have to be requested for EVERY election - they should NEVER be sent out automatically. That increases the possibility of fraud enormously.
Drop Boxes should be very limited and located in very secure areas.
Too much has been included in this bill.

Please vote NO

Sincerely,

Wynola Possenti
Fairbanks, Alaska

From: nce.two [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:22 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64
Attachments: signature.asc

I am against this bill as I feel it loosens the security for fraudsters to manipulate votes.
Concern for accessibility of voters is not a valid reason to loosen security.

People are not voting because they have lost confidence in our government system. So the focus should be on building trust. Loosening security will not build trust it will only make our elections system more vulnerable to manipulation by bad actors.

This is not a bill for the people, it is a bill for raudsters.

Nancy C. Elliott
Non-Partisan

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From: Charles Perrett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:17 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB-64

I am writing to strongly appose SB-64. Our election laws do not need to be changed. This bill will just add another layer of voter corruption in a system that already has lost the confidence of Alaskans.

Charles Perrett

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From: The Armstrong [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 6:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64 tomorrows hearing

We **strongly** oppose SB 64.

Dear House Finance -

We are already far beyond able to fund more rules and regulations. This is asinine even considering any of this with our fiscal house in turmoil. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

A few things we would like to touch on, 16 yr olds preregistering to vote. They do not need to be preregistered, the schools have been introducing voting in the schools for years. You will be putting their information at risk and could be causing administrative complications. For this we oppose SB 64.

Voter registration reforms must prioritize security and integrity. Without clear safeguards, these changes could open the door to errors or misuse. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

The proposed restructuring of APOC risks undermining the publics trust even further. This body is meant to oversee fair elections and campaign finance compliance but could be looked upon even further as biased. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

While Synthetic Media has been a huge problem along with all the dark money, it's intended to address deepfakes but could be overly broad and chill free speech. Vague or expansive definitions of "synthetic media" may unintentionally censor legitimate political expression. While curbing misinformation is important, we must **not** regulate political speech so broadly that it infringes on our First Amendment rights or innovation in media. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

Campaign signage is a low-cost way for citizens to support their candidates, some people are very creative and can help curb costs. Over regulation could limit free expression and civic participation. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

Financial Disclosures must have transparency and be balanced with personal privacy. These expanded disclosure rules may deter good people from serving in public office. Privacy concerns may arise from expanded requirements. **For this we oppose SB 64.**

With Unlawful Interference with “Voting in the First Degree” could be used as a political weapon. **While protecting voters is absolutely essential, this provision could weaponize and silence legitimate concerns or oversight at the polls. This needs very clear definitions to prevent overreach or abuse. For this we oppose SB 64.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Ken & Vickie Armstrong

From: Linda Waggoner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 6:28 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64 Election Bill

Dear Legislators

Please vote no on SP 64, election bill. This Bill needs more input from the public and more safeguards for our election process. I'm urging you to vote no.

Linda Waggoner

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: William Lindholm [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 2:28 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 64

You sense the demise of rcv coming and need to loosen up the rules so you can cheat!
Every vote for this is literally breaking the oath of office.
No more mail in voting. Only paper ballots, and counted on the same day.
Sincerely,
W. F. Lindholm

From: Kim Kùklis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: ENOUGH

What in the HELL is wrong with this state and the people presumably running it?? We elected folks to advocate for us...not bend over. Please stand up straight and take our state back from these satan driven, power hungry, beasts. Enough is enough! We the people can't stand in for you, we elected you to stand for us...show us you are doing that. Our state is failing...it is getting more "BLUE" by the minute...there will be NO Last Frontier. If this fight is not won, the last of the elected fighters will have failed the state...you have our backing and support, but as you are the FRONT LINE, you must lead the fight! Don't LET this election NONSENSE go any further...STOP SB 64!!!!!!

Kim Kuklis

From: akbagold@gci.net
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:20 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Regarding SB 64

Importance: High

Good morning,

Was SB 64 not referred to House Finance? The Daily Schedule hadn't been updated to remove SB 64 from the 9:00 AM hearing. I logged in to see House Finance is hearing two other bills instead.

Thank you.

Cathy Hiebert,
Executive Director

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