

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### DISTRICT Q

*Anchor Point*

*Clam Gulch*

*Cohoe*

*Diamond Ridge*

*Fox River*

*Fritz Creek*

*Funny River*

*Halibut Cove*

*Happy Valley*

*Homer*

*Kachemak City*

*Kachemak Selo*

*Kalifornsky*

*Kasilof*

*Kenai*

*Nikolaevsk*

*Ninilchik*

*Razdolna*

*Ridgeway*

*Seldovia*

*Soldotna*

*Voznesenka*

## Sponsor Statement

### SB 213

#### **An Act relating to the appointment of municipal election boards**

Statutes governing municipal elections currently require the appropriate governing body to appoint election boards for each precinct in every election. However, as technology advances, methods of submitting ballots are changing. For example, ballots may be submitted by mail or electronic transmission. Elections not involving in-person voting do not need election boards as there are no polling places except for an absentee precinct. The requirement of the appointment of an election board for each precinct is costly and not necessary for such elections.

The language in Section 1 is revised to be consistent with the new language proposed in AS 29.26.010(b) which is contained in Section 2. This clarifies that election boards are only required for elections and precincts in which voters cast ballots in person.

Please join me in helping give our local governments that choose to implement elections by mail the ability to avoid the unnecessary cost of appointing elections boards.