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The Honorable Bob Lynn, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Representative Lynn:

During yesterday's hearing on House Bill 3, Representative Isaacson asked questions about voting age population, statewide voter registration number and the state's list maintenance process. I indicated I would research the answer to his question and provide a response following the hearing.

According to information from the Department of Labor, Research and Analysis Section, the voting age population for Alaska is 522,853. This number is based on information from the 2010 Census. The current number of registered voters in Alaska is 513,990.

The division performs a list maintenance process annually. Following the passage of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), voters could no longer be removed from the registration rolls for simply not voting. The list maintenance procedures are provided for in AS 15.07.130.

The current process, as outlined by the NVRA, works as follows:

1. The list of registered voters is reviewed and a nonforwardable notice is sent to voters
 - a. Whose mail from the division has been returned in the two years immediately preceding
 - b. Who have not contacted the division in the two years immediately preceding
 - c. Who have not voted or appeared to vote in the two general elections immediately preceding
2. If the notice sent in (1) above is returned undeliverable and that voter has not contacted the division and not voted or appeared to vote during the last four calendar years, another notice is sent by forwardable mail. This notice notifies the voter that their

registration will be inactivated unless they respond to the notice no later than 45 days after it was mailed.

3. Inactive voters are then cancelled after the second general election that occurs after the registration became inactive if the voter does not contact the division or vote or appear to vote.

If there are any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Gail Fenumiai
Director

cc: The Honorable Lynn Gattis
The Honorable Shelley Hughes
The Honorable Doug Isaacson
The Honorable Wes Keller
The Honorable Charisse Millett
The Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins