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Interagency Information Sharing Agreements with the Division of Elections

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You asked for an account of agencies and entities of the State of Alaska that have formalized information sharing agreements with the State's Division of Elections. You also wished to know the form through which those agreements are made (statute, memorandum of understanding, etc.).

Division of Elections Director Josephine Bahnke identified the following information sharing agreements between her agency and another governmental unit within Alaska:¹

- Departments of Administration and Revenue—Pursuant to AS 15.07.055(e), the Division of Elections enters into an agreement to match the identity of voters who initially register to vote by mail or by fax or other electronic transmission with existing identification records.
- Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – a Memorandum of Understanding (or agreement) implements provisions of the federal 2002 Help America Vote Act (HAVA, P.L. 107-252) wherein Elections utilizes the DMV's Alaska License and Vehicle Information Network (ALVIN) database to access Social Security Administration records to verify voter identification.
- Permanent Fund Division (PFD)—a Memorandum of Understanding (or agreement) allows the division to annually provide PFD with a list of dividend applicants who are shown in Elections databases to have moved out of state.
- Municipalities – Under the auspices of Confidentiality Agreements, Elections provides view-only access to the Division's Voter Registration and Elections Management System (VREMS) for municipal clerks who request it.
- Pursuant to AS 15.07.195(c), the division may release information that is otherwise confidential under that section to a local, state or federal government agency, including the child support services agency created under AS 25.27.010 or child support enforcement agency of another state for governmental authorized under law; in compliance with a court order; to a person holding a writ of execution against the person or property of the voter; or if the voter about whom information has been requested has provided written consent to the release.

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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