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STATE OF ALASKA
Division of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

April 27, 2022

House State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Committee Members:

On Tuesday, the House State Affairs Committee considered HB 66 and asked questions about election worker pay, precinct tabulators, ballot curing and list maintenance. In an effort to get back to the Committee as soon as possible, here are some initial responses. If the Committee has additional questions, please let us know.

The Division submitted a budget increment request for FY23, to raise the pay of election workers as follows:

1. Election Board Workers from \$12.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.
2. Election Board Chairs from \$12.50 per hour to \$20.50 per hour.
3. Members of the district absentee ballot, questioned ballot review boards, and absentee voting officials from \$12.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.
4. Absentee voting station officials at absentee stations from \$12.50 per hour to \$20.50 per hour.
5. Ballot tabulation coordinators, polling place field workers, individuals appointed as personal representatives, and absentee and questioned ballot processors from \$12.50 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.

The Division has confirmed that BallotTrax is able to send notifications to voters related to ballot curing. BallotTrax is an opt-in service.

The Committee also asked if the precinct tabulators have any internal capability of connecting to the internet or cellular network. The division has confirmed they do not. Connection is only established by utilizing an external modem – cellular or analog.

The Committee also asked questions about list maintenance. Attached is an information sheet that explains the division's processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gail Fenumiai".

Gail Fenumiai, Director

Enclosure