

Joe Hayes

From: Laura Bonner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:33 AM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: Support SB64

Members of Senate State Affairs Committee
Senator Wielechowski

I support SB64 for the following reasons:

- It defines a better practice to clean up the voter data base so that ineligible voters are removed and that no one is removed that should remain an eligible voter
- It removes the witness verifier for absentee ballots
- It allows 16 and 17 year old to preregister to vote when they turn 18
- It requires a postage-paid return envelope for all absentee ballots
- It includes cybersecurity provisions
- It has ballot tracking provisions for absentee ballots and a quicker way for absentee ballots to be counted

Thank you for hearing SB64. I support it.

Laura Bonner
Anchorage, AK

Joe Hayes

From: Robert Lang [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 6:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Comment on SB 64

To the State Affairs Committee,

My name is Rob Lang and I live in Anchorage. I support SB 64 because I believe in free speech and the best way to speak our minds is through the ballot box. We can make our elections more secure by abandoning the ineffective witness signature requirement and replacing it with a simple signature matching system. Allowing for same-day registration would make it easier for voters to participate in our democracy. Thank you for your hard work to improve our election system.

Sincerely,

Rob Lang

Anchorage, AK

Joe Hayes

From: Connor Gerlach-Ryan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 4:25 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 64

My name is Connor Gerlach Ryan
My address is 6819 Cache Creek rd. Fairbanks Alaska 99709

I support SB64.

This is an important bill to expand access to voting for residents in rural Alaska, and speed up absentee ballot counting.

Please pass SB64.

-Connor Ryan

Joe Hayes

From: Amos _ <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 1:25 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Support for SB 64

Creating a recurring absentee voter list so that those who have voted by mail for years don't have to submit a new application every election cycle

To the Alaska Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am David Zimmer and live between Palmer and Wasilla, Alaska. I support SB 64 because it helps to make our democracy stronger by making voting easier. For many years I have voted using absentee ballots by mail. I would prefer not to have the extra step of filling out a form and mailing it in to renew my voting status every year. It would also save the state government some money by removing an unnecessary task and creating a recurring voter list. By making voting easier and less time consuming more people would participate in elections which is what we need in order to keep a democracy. Thank you for your effort to improve our government.

Sincerely,
David Zimmer
Wasilla, AK

Joe Hayes

From: Sandy Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:19 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Senate bill 64

Hello,

My name is Sandra Clark. I am a 78 year old woman living in Fairbanks.
I support SB64 because I believe it is important to improve voting conditions for people in outlying areas of Alaska.
I urge you to pass this legislation.
Thank you,
Sandra Clark

Sent from my iPad

Joe Hayes

From: Lois Sch [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs

Thanks I would vote to support senate bill 64
Instead of peoples votes getting thrown out I think they should have a chance to review the mistakes made if any an
then re-send the mail.

Joe Hayes

From: Meneka Thiru <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony on SB 64

Hello to the Committee,

My name is Meneka Thiru and I am a resident of Anchorage. I am writing in to express my support for SB 64. SB 64 seems to me to be a common sense measure to make sure that Alaskans' votes are counted.

Giving Alaskans the opportunity to cure their ballots ensures that they get to fix what is likely a very trivial honest mistake so that they can participate fully in our elections. Eliminating the witness signature makes sense to me as well - often it feels like a silly exercise in finding someone (anyone!) who can sign your ballot before sending it in and I imagine that many people forget this step. Same day voter registration is another way that we can increase voter turnout and make sure that electoral results reflect our community's wishes.

Thank you,
Meneka Thiru
[REDACTED]