

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB004-OOG-DOE-01-29-26
 Title: PRESIDENTIAL WRITE-IN VOTES
 Sponsor: SADDLER
 Requester: (H) State Affairs

Department: Office of the Governor
 Appropriation: Elections
 Allocation: Elections
 OMB Component Number: 21

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/27**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated from SLA2025 to SLA2026 fiscal note template.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

This bill amends current law to allow write-in candidates for President and Vice-President, provided that the write-in candidate files a letter with the Division of Elections (division) certifying the information required for independent candidates for President and Vice-President under AS 15.30.026(b).

Depending on the number of candidates for a ranked-choice presidential election, the ballot may have to be printed horizontally due to the space required for ranking each presidential/vice-presidential candidate. This is not expected to result in a fiscal impact on the division. Therefore, a zero fiscal note is being submitted.

Alaska does not permit write-in voting for the offices of President and Vice-President due to specific provisions in election regulations (6 AAC 25.069). Should this bill pass, the division would adopt regulations to allow Alaskan voters to write in their preferred candidates for these federal offices in future elections.