

STATE OF ALASKA

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Office of the Governor
Office of the Lt. Governor
Division of Elections

Authority: Under AS 40.21.060(4) and AS 40.21.110, the agency shall retain and otherwise manage records in accordance with this schedule.

If this schedule does not cover a record, the agency shall retain and otherwise manage records in accordance with the most current *State of Alaska General Administrative Records Retention Schedules*. If this schedule and the *General Administrative Records Retention Schedules* do not cover a record, the agency must obtain approval to dispose of the record from the Records and Information Management Service.

Disposition: The agency may not destroy permanent records. Notwithstanding any retention period in this schedule or the *Alaska General Records Retention Schedules*, the agency must retain records relevant to ongoing or foreseeable investigations, audits or lawsuits, or responsive to a pending public records request.

Archival Value: Under AS 40.21.030(a)(3), the State Archivist may review for permanent retention all records with potential permanent legal or historical value. All records created prior to 1960 must be retained for review by the Alaska State Archives. This retention schedule does not authorize the transfer of records to any repository other than the Alaska State Archives (AS 40.21.030).

Format and Media: Under AS 40.21.150(6), the retention periods listed on this schedule apply to all electronic and non-electronic records. The agency may store a record in any format as long as the record remains readable and accessible for its retention period. See 4 AAC 59.005.

Accordingly, the agency must, as necessary, periodically update storage media, adopt migration strategies, and implement security plans. Backups produced for data recovery purposes do not serve a recordkeeping function or substitute for archived business essential duplicates.

Essential Designation: Under AS 40.21.060, the agency shall identify, segregate and protect essential records vital to the continuing operation of the agency in the event of natural or man-made disasters. See 4 AAC 59.005(a)(8) and 4 AAC 59.010(5)(E).

Copies: Do not retain copies preserved for convenience or for business essential or data recovery purposes for longer than the retention period of the record copy. See AS 40.21.150(6).

Supersedence: This schedule supersedes: 01-7.3, Office of the Governor, Office of the Lt. Governor, Division of Elections

Pursuant to the provisions of AS 40.21.030 (b)(10) and 4 AAC 59.005, the records listed on this schedule are approved for retention and disposition as indicated.		Agency CEO/ Division Director Original signature held on file. Carol Beecher, Director, Division of Elections	Date: 4/25/2024
Attorney General/Designee Original signature held on file.	Date: 4/25/2024	Commissioner of Administration/Designee Original signature held on file.	Date: 8/21/2024
Alan Birnbaum, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law		Stephanie Allison, Director, Division of Finance, Department of Administration	
State Archivist Original signature held on file.	Date: 8/23/2024	Records Analyst Original signature held on file.	Date: 8/26/2024
Karen Gray, State Archivist		Clayton Hainebach, State Records Manager	

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Item #	Record Series Title and Description	Retention	Essential	Retention Notes
1	<p>Election Administration</p> <p>This series consists of information related to the administration of division programs including absentee and questioned voting, voter registration, primary/general/special/Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) elections, lawsuits, subpoenas, election contests, voter fraud, duplicate voter research, recounts, election central, list maintenance, surveys, and hand count verification.</p>	4		<p>Dispose of records four years after calendar year.</p> <p>Retention: 52 U.S.C. 20701.</p>
2	<p>Filing for Office Files</p> <p>This series includes declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, limited political party petitions, write-in candidates, electoral college, primary, general, special and REAA candidates, candidacy complaints, candidacy challenges, checklist for candidates, and general correspondence.</p>	Permanent	Yes	<p>Transfer to the Alaska State Archives four years after an election.</p> <p>Confidential per Privacy Act of 1988 and Alaska Constitution, Article 1, Section 22.</p>
3	<p>Election Certification Paperwork</p> <p>This series includes original election certificates; Precinct Registers; Questioned Registers; Absentee Registers; Summary Books (Original); Precinct Materials, Absentee and Questioned Affidavit Envelopes, Uncounted and Rejected Ballots; Absentee and Questioned Accountability and Voter Reports, Absentee Site Accountability Reports; election recount materials; election results tapes; Early Voting Reports and Certificates; Hand Count Verification Paperwork (HCVP); Logic and Accuracy Testing (LATs); Ballot Tabulation Database, and miscellaneous certification paperwork.</p>	4	Yes	<p>Dispose of records four years after the election is certified.</p> <p>Confidential per 6 AAC 25.040 and AS 15.07.195.</p> <p>Retention: AS 15.15.470.</p>

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4	State Review Board/Statement of Vote Official statement of vote count signed by State Review Board for primary, general, REAA, and special elections.	Permanent	Yes	Transfer to the Alaska State Archives after an election. Retention: AS 15.15.450.
5	Voted Ballots & Stubs for Non-Federal Elections Local, REAA, and special elections.	30 days		Dispose of records thirty days after the election is certified. Retention: AS 15.15.470.
6	Voted Ballots & Stubs for Federal Elections General, primary, and special elections.	22 months		Dispose of records twenty-two months after the election is certified. Retention: 52 U.S.C. 20701.
7	Sample Ballots One single document used for each district showing the ballot for each election (see item # 014 for REAA and local elections).	Permanent	Yes	Retain records permanently to the agency.
8	Official Election Pamphlet (OEP) and Ballot Measure Pamphlet (BMP) One copy of each booklet which includes autobiographical sketches of candidates, translated pamphlets, bonding and ballot propositions, and advisory election information.	Permanent	Yes	Transfer to the Alaska State Library after an election.

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9	<p>Regional Precinct Election Files</p> <p>Appointment and acceptance letters for board members, payment to board members, time sheets, polling place agreement, certification of posting notices. Separate case file for each precinct.</p>	5		Dispose of records five years after an election.
10	<p>Voter Registration /Absentee Ballot Records</p> <p>This series includes records related to voter registration and absentee ballots excluding those records related to voters no longer on the master index.</p>	2	Yes	<p>Dispose of records two years after a voter's registration record is canceled from the database system in accordance with AS 15.07.130(b).</p> <p>Confidential per Privacy Act of 1988, Alaska Constitution, Article 1, Section 22, and AS 15.07.195.</p> <p>Retention: 52 U.S.C. 20701 and 52 USC 20507.</p>
11	<p>Master Index Voter Registration</p>	Permanent	Yes	Retain records permanently to the agency.
12	<p>Initiative, Referendum & Recall Petition Files</p> <p>Petition application with names of sponsors, sponsor/booklet accountability report, sample signature booklet, certification, and correspondence.</p>	Permanent		<p>Transfer to the Alaska State Archives ninety days after the law is enacted, or if rejected, ninety days after the election it appeared on the ballot.</p> <p>A person has thirty days after petition is rejected or certified to file an appeal under AS 15.45.460; AS 15.45.240; or AS 15.45.720.</p>

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13	<p>Initiative, Referendum & Recall Petition Signature Booklets</p> <p>Signature booklets with original signatures.</p>	30 days		<p>Dispose of records thirty days after item goes on ballot or certification denied.</p> <p>A person has thirty days after petition is rejected or certified to file an appeal per AS 15.45.460; and AS 15.45.240; or AS 15.45.720.</p>
14	<p>REAA, Local Incorporation, Consolidation & Dissolution Election Records</p> <p>This series includes documents, correspondence, petitions, notice of election, sample ballot, legal description and all documents used by the State Review Board to certify the election and an original election certificate.</p>	Permanent	Yes	<p>Transfer to the Alaska State Archives after an election.</p> <p>This series includes REAA elections (see item #2 for candidacy filings).</p>
15	<p>Local Liquor and Marijuana Option Files</p> <p>This series includes correspondence, petitions, notice of election, sample ballot, legal description and all documents used by the State Review Board to certify the election and an original election certificate.</p>	Permanent	Yes	<p>Transfer to the Alaska State Archives after an election.</p>
16	<p>Reapportionment Records</p> <p>This series includes correspondence, census information, precinct conversions, and conversions of registered voter lists, map reference files, mapping files, reports, and plans.</p>	Permanent	Yes	<p>Transfer to the Alaska State Archives every ten years.</p> <p>Reapportionment occurs every ten years. Alaska Constitution, Article VI, Section 3.</p>

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17	<p>Voter Registration & Election Management Systems General information, manuals, software, hardware vendor correspondence.</p>	Current	Yes	Retain data until obsolete, superseded, and/or administrative need has been met.
18	<p>Opt-Out Mailers This series includes returned and completed opt-out mailers from individuals not registered to vote through the Permanent Fund Dividend Automatic Voter Registration process.</p>	1		Dispose of records one year after opt-out deadline has passed.
19	<p>Unused Ballots and Stubs This series includes ballots and stubs that were not issued and used during a primary, general, REAA, or local election conducted by the Division of Elections.</p>	30 days		Destroy records thirty days after the certification of an election and all recount and election contests under AS 15.20.430-15.20.560 have been resolved.

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