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Any outdated information in the voter database means a ballot package sent to an inaccurate address and needless government expense.

### MOA ELECTIONS USES BEST PRACTICES

MOA Elections has systems in place to ensure only qualified, registered voters vote in municipal elections and provides updates to the State of Alaska (SOA) Voter Registration Database:

**Ballot Envelope Signature Verification:** Every ballot envelope received at the MOA Elections Center is verified against signatures on file with the state, including drivers' licenses, voter registrations and other approved forms of ID. Voters are contacted by mail to cure challenged signatures. In 2022, only 751 signatures were rejected by the Election Commission.

**Pre-Election Mailer:** Before Regular Municipal Elections, MOA Elections sends a mailer to all voters registered in the Municipality asking to update their registration or report an incorrect address to the SOA Division of Elections. MOA Elections sends a report of undeliverable postcards to the State.

**Undeliverable Ballot Packages:** At the end of every Municipal Election, MOA Elections sends the SOA Division of Elections a report of ballot packages returned undeliverable. In 2022, 15,812 undeliverable ballot packages were reported to the State.

### 2023 ASK

Per AS 15, the MOA reports of undeliverable ballot packages trigger an 8-year waiting period to update voter registrations in the SOA Voter Registration Rolls.

**Amend AS 15 to decrease this period to 4 years.**

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Learn more about **MOA Signature Verification:** [ancgov.info/sig-verify](http://ancgov.info/sig-verify)

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### PRO-VOTER CHANGES IN THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

While MOA Elections works to make local municipal elections the best they can be, there are challenges in our Vote at Home system beyond the Municipality's control:

**Maximize Functionality of ERIC Network:** The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a nonprofit, member-led organization that helps to states maintain up-to-date voter registration databases. As a member of ERIC, when an Alaskan voter registers to vote in another member state, the State of Alaska receives a notification, but AS 15 prevents updating the voter registration without voter confirmation.

### 2023 ASK

**Amend AS 15 to accept information from ERIC as direction to initiate the cancelation of voter registration when a voter registers in another state and doesn't respond to a SOA confirmation.**

**Update Division of Elections Policy:** The SOA Division of Elections Director may change division policies to share voter email addresses and phone numbers with municipalities, creating more options for MOA Elections to contact registered voters with regards to signature verification and curing challenged signatures.

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