

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-96**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DECLARING THE**
2 **PROCESS TO FILL THE NEW TWELTH ASSEMBLY MEMBER SEAT AND CALLING**
3 **FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.**

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5 **WHEREAS**, the voters of the Municipality of Anchorage in the April 2020 regular election
6 passed Proposition 12 by a majority of those voting on the question, enacting an
7 amendment to the Home Rule Charter Article IV, § 4.01 to require each of the six
8 Assembly election districts to have two members, and adding a twelfth Assembly seat;
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11 **WHEREAS**, when the voters approved unification and formation of the Municipality of
12 Anchorage with the adoption of the Home Rule Charter at the initial election of
13 September 9, 1975, the Charter § 19.03 assigned letters A through K to designated
14 Assembly Seats, which lettering is still in use today; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly reapportioned itself and added the twelfth Assembly seat when
17 it adopted a new Assembly election districts map with the passage and approval of
18 AO 2022-37(S-1), As Amended. The new Assembly election district maps are
19 immediately effective and to be used at any Municipal election after the April 5, 2022
20 Regular Municipal Election; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Assembly District 1, Downtown Anchorage, to be compliant with the “one
23 person, one vote” and “fair and equal representation” principles of the Equal Protection
24 clauses of the U.S. and Alaska constitutions, had to nearly double in size of population
25 represented; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, The new Seat L in District 1, to align with the staggered terms structure of
28 Assembly seats with three-year terms, will have its first full term begin with certification of
29 the regular election to be held in April 2025; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, It is appropriate and recommended by legal counsel that Seat L be filled
32 sooner, in fairness to the voters within the new District 1 boundaries, at a special election.
33 The initial term for Seat L in District 1 will run from certification of the Special Election that
34 is the subject of this Resolution until certification of the regular election to be held in April
35 2025; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.20.010 allows the Assembly to call a
38 special election for purposes of electing candidates to fill offices; now, therefore,

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40 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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42 **Section 1.** The new Assembly Seat for District 1 shall be assigned “Seat L.” The
43 apportionment map adopted by AO 2022-37(S-1), As Amended, established the election
44 district boundaries for this seat representing District 1.

- A. The first full regular term of three years, pursuant to Charter § 4.02(a), shall begin for Seat L upon certification of the regular election held in April 2025.
- B. The Assembly recognizes and acknowledges Seat L is effectively created upon passage and approval of the reapportionment ordinance, and
- C. The Assembly declares that Seat L shall be filled for a partial term by a special election, pending the commencement of a regular three-year term.

Section 2. The Assembly hereby calls a special election to be held by mail on **June 21, 2022** to fill Seat L for a partial term, in accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.20.010B. and the provisions of Title 28 of the Code. Additionally, the Assembly declares the following:

- A. Filing for office for this Assembly seat shall open at **8:00 a.m. on May 3, 2022**, and close at **5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2022**.
- B. The Municipal Clerk shall publish a Notice of Seat L Candidacy on or before **April 28, 2022**, and a Notice of Election on or before **May 22, 2022**.
- C. The Municipal Clerk will mail ballot packages to the registered voters qualified for this election on or before **May 31, 2022**.
- D. All ballots must be voted on or before Special Election Day, **June 21, 2022** and either be
 - (a) received by the Municipal Clerk at an Anchorage Vote Center or in a Ballot Drop Box **by 8:00 p.m.**; or
 - (b) postmarked on or before Special Election Day and received as required by Code either before the Public Session of Canvass (tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2022), or for military and overseas voters by noon on the date of certification (July 12, 2022), in order to qualify for inclusion in the election tabulation.
- E. The Municipal Clerk shall publish all required notices in accordance with AMC chapter 28.20.
- F. The Municipal Clerk shall produce a Special Election Calendar detailing these dates. (A proposed calendar with Code references is attached.)

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of March, 2022.



Chair

ATTEST:



Municipal Clerk

Exhibit A - Proposed Special Election Calendar



Municipality of Anchorage Calendar of Election Dates June 21, 2022 Special Election

907-243-VOTE (8683)

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Date	Action	Code Reference
April 28, 2022 (Thursday)	Notice of Vacancies published	AMC 28.20.030 (at least 54 days before election)
May 3, 2022 (Tuesday)	Filing for Office opens at 8:00 a.m.	AMC 28.30.030C. (not earlier than 49 days before election)
May 10, 2022 (Tuesday)	Filing for Office closes at 5:00 p.m.	AMC 28.30.030C. (not later than 42 days before election)
May 13, 2022 (Friday)	Last day for candidates to withdraw and not be published on the ballot	AMC 28.30.030D. (not later than 38 days before election)
May 22, 2022 (Sunday)	First Notice of Election published	AMC 28.20.040A.1.b. (at least 30 days before special election)
May 22, 2022 (Sunday)	Last day to register to vote for the Special Election	AMC 28.30.010A.3. (30 days before election)
May 31, 2022 (Tuesday)	Ballot Packages mailed to qualified Anchorage voters	AMC 28.40.020C. (at least 21 days before election)
May 31, 2022 (Tuesday)	Secure Drop Boxes are opened	AMC 28.50.030B. (no later than the day after ballot packages mailed)
May 31, 2022 (Tuesday)	Ballot Envelope review begins	AMC 28.70.010A. (may commence upon receipt)
June 19, 2022 (Sunday)	Second Notice of Election published	AMC 28.20.040A.2. (not later than the day before the election)
June 21, 2022 (Tuesday)	Special Election Day: All Ballot Envelopes (including military and overseas envelopes) must be postmarked on or before Election Day, or returned to a Secure Drop Box or Anchorage Vote Center by 8:00 p.m.	AMC 28.20.010B., AMC 28.50.030A., AMC 28.70.030A.1.c., and AMC 28.70.030A.2.c.
July 8, 2022 (Friday)	Tentative Date for Election Commission Meeting and Public Session of Canvass: Adjudication of challenged ballots (All Ballot Envelopes except military and overseas envelopes must be received by the start of the canvass.)	AMC 28.85.010A.
July 12, 2022 (Tuesday)	Certification of Special Municipal Election Results (Regular Assembly Meeting) (Military and overseas envelopes must be received by 12:00 noon.)	AMC 28.85.040A.

Contact MOA Elections at 907-243-VOTE (8683) or elections@anchorageak.gov for information on special needs voting (AMC 28.60.040), or for an application to vote by fax or email (AMC 28.60.060).