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at the request of the Mayor
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 99- 113

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 28, ELECTIONS, TO
2 IMPLEMENT AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER APPROVED BY VOTERS AT
3 THE REGULAR ELECTION OF APRIL 20, 1999 CHANGING THE DATE FOR RUNOFF ELECTIONS
4 AND TO CLARIFY STANDARDS FOR COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.
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7 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS
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9 Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.20.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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11 28.20.010 Time for Elections.
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13 A A regular election shall be held annually on the first [THIRD] Tuesday in April [,
14 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY ORDINANCE].
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16 C A runoff election required by the results of the regular election shall be held the first Tuesday
17 in May [WHERE A RUNOFF ELECTION IS REQUIRED BY LAW, THE ASSEMBLY
18 SHALL HOLD THE RUNOFF ELECTION WITHIN THREE WEEKS FROM THE DATE
19 OF CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION REQUIRING THE RUNOFF]. A runoff
20 election required by the results of a special election shall be held not more than thirty (30)
21 days after the special election.
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23 Section 2. Anchorage Municipal Code 28.40.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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25 28.40.010 Form.
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27 B. For each regular and special election, the [THE] municipal clerk shall ensure that ballots are
28 prepared for at least 70 percent of the registered voters within each precinct to present all
29 candidates and propositions to the voters. Calculations for a regular or special election shall
30 be based on a list prepared by the state at least 60 days but no more than 90 days before a
31 regular or special [AN] election. For each runoff election the municipal clerk shall ensure
32 that the number of ballots prepared equals at least the number of voters who cast ballots in
33 the election requiring the runoff election. All[THE] ballots shall be consecutively numbered
34 in series.
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37 Section 3. Anchorage Municipal Code 28.60.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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39 28.60.050 Voting by mail.
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41 E. An absentee ballot shall be marked and attested on or before the date of the election and,
42 if mailed [POSTMARKED], shall be postmarked on or before election day.

Section 4. Anchorage Municipal Code 28.80.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28.80.040 **Ballot review standards.**

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B. An absentee ballot may not be counted if:

1. The voter has failed to properly execute the certificate;

2. The official or witnesses authorized by law to attest the voter's certificate failed to execute the certificate;

3. The voter's certificate is not attested on or before the date of the election;

4. The ballot, if postmarked, is not postmarked on or before the date of the election; [OR]

5. The ballot is not received before the public session of the canvass; or

6. The ballot envelope has no postmark and is received after election day.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of August, 1999,

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk