

Submitted by: Assembly Chair Traini
Prepared by: Department of Assembly
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO NO. 2003-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF AO 2002-179(S), APPROVED BY THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 7, 2003, CONCERNING THE FORM OF BALLOTS TO BE USED WITH OPTICAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT.


THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: That Section 3 of AO 2002-179(S) is amended to read as follows:

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2003 [THE DATE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ISSUES ITS NON-OBJECTION OR THE DATE BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MUST OBJECT IF NO OBJECTION IS ISSUED WITHIN THE OBJECTION PERIOD].

Section 2: That this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of February, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 106-2003

Meeting Date: January 28, 2003

From: Municipal Clerk

Subject: An ordinance changing the effective date of AO 2002-179(S)

AO 2002-179(S) was amended and approved on January 7, 2003. It is hereby requested that the effective date be amended to June 1, 2003. This will allow the Clerk's Office the opportunity for further review of the procedure prior to implementation of the ordinance and provide ample time for proper preclearance by the Department of Justice.

Possible refinements to the ordinance include:

The possibility of preparing an election guide in place of the Explanatory/Sample Ballot to be mailed to all voter households. It may also accomplish our goal to improve voter turnout.

Simplify ballot language working with Legal, Bond Counsel and the Anchorage School District.

The date of June 1, 2003 was chosen as it will allow time in which to amend the ordinance and accomplish the above prior to January of 2004 in preparation for the 2004 elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Heim
Acting Municipal Clerk