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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

ORDINANCE 91-27

AMENDING THE BOROUGH ELECTION CODE TO AUTHORIZE MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes permit special elections by mail-in ballot; and

WHEREAS, other Alaska municipalities hold special elections by mail-in ballot to reduce special election costs and increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to reduce special election costs, and increase voter participation in special elections;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the KPB Code of Ordinances is amended by adding a new chapter which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 4.28

MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Sections:

- 4.28.010 Authorization
- 4.28.020 Resolution
- 4.28.030 Eligibility--absentee voting--voting in person
- 4.28.040 Mail-in ballots
- 4.28.050 Casting mail-in ballots
- 4.28.060 Disposition of mail-in ballots
- 4.28.070 Polling place
- 4.28.080 Applicability of borough election code sections

4.28.010 Authorization. The assembly may authorize, by resolution, a mail-in ballot for a special election.

4.28.020 Resolution. Any resolution authorizing the use of mail-in ballots for a special election shall include the following items:

- A. The date of the special election;
- B. The date upon which the clerk shall publish the notice of election;
- C. The last date upon which the clerk will mail ballot packages to registered voters residing within the affected area in which the vote shall be taken;
- D. The date upon which all mail-in ballots must be received by the clerk in order to qualify for inclusion in the election tabulation.

4.28.030 Eligibility--absentee voting--voting in person. Any qualified voter residing within the affected area in which the vote shall be taken may vote by mail-in ballot in a special election conducted by mail-in ballot. Such qualified voter may also vote by absentee ballot pursuant to KPB 4.24 in such special election, or may vote in person on the day of such special election at the borough clerk's office during regular borough business hours.

4.28.040 Mail-in ballots. Mail-in ballots, envelopes, and ballot materials shall be prepared in accordance with the borough code of election procedures for preparation of absentee ballots, at KPB 4.24.015.

4.28.050 Casting mail-in ballots. Mail-in ballots shall be cast according to borough code of election provisions governing casting absentee ballots by mail, at KPB 4.24.030.

4.28.060 Disposition of mail-in ballots. Upon receipt of the mailed-in ballot, the clerk shall stamp on the envelope the date on which the ballot is received. When more than one ballot is received from the same voter, the first to be received by the clerk is the valid ballot, and any ballots received later shall be marked invalid by the clerk.

4.28.070 Polling place. For purposes of this chapter, the polling place for special elections by mail-in ballot is the borough clerk's office.

4.28.080 Applicability of borough election code sections. This chapter governs procedures for special elections by mail-in ballot when in conflict with other sections of the borough election code. Otherwise, all

other relevant provisions of the borough election code apply to special elections by mail-in ballot.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS
6th DAY OF August, 1991.


James Skogstad, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk