

## Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom STATE OF ALASKA

March 8, 2024

Phillip Izon II 4201 E Dimond Way, Unit B Wasilla, AK 99654

Re: 22AKHE - Alaskans for Honest Elections

Dear Mr. Izon:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. My notice of proper filing is enclosed. Specifically, the petition was signed by qualified voters from all 40 house districts equal in number to at least 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; with signatures from at least 30 house districts matching or exceeding seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. The Division of Elections verified 37,043 voter signatures, which exceeds the 26,705 signature requirement based on the 2022 general election. A copy of the Petition Statistics Report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

With the assistance of the attorney general, I have prepared the following ballot title and proposition that meets the requirements of AS 15.45.180:

## An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections

This act would get rid of open primary elections and ranked-choice general elections. It would bring back political party primaries and single-choice general elections.

Elections will occur exactly as they did before Ballot Measure 2 became the law in 2021. In the primary election, voters will choose a party's ballot. They will vote for one candidate and the winning candidate will be the party's nominee. In the general election, voters will select one candidate. The candidate with the most votes will win.

This act would also bring back party petitions, special runoff elections, and other processes in place before Ballot Measure 2. It would put all election laws, except campaign finance laws, back the way they were before Ballot Measure 2.

Should this initiative become law?

This ballot proposition will appear on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after (1) the petition has been filed; (2) a legislative session has convened and adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election or adjournment of the current legislative session occurring on or before April 22,

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2024, this proposition will be scheduled to appear on the general election ballot on the November 5, 2024 general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the initiative proposition favor its adoption, I shall so certify and the proposed law will be enacted. The act becomes effective 90 days after certification.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.210, this petition will be void if I, with the formal concurrence of the attorney general, determine that an act of the legislature that is substantially the same as the proposed law was enacted after the petition has been filed and before the date of the election. I will advise you in writing of my determination in this matter.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.240, any person aggrieved by my determination set out in this letter may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reversed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact my staff, April Simpson, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,

Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

Treg Taylor, Attorney General cc:

Thomas Flynn, Assistant Attorney General

Carol Beecher, Director of Elections



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## NOTICE OF PROPER FILING

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, under the provisions of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and under the provisions of AS 15.45, hereby provide notice that the initiative petition for "An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries and Single-Choice General Elections" which was received on November 23, 2022, and known as 22AKHE, was properly filed.

I have determined that the initiative sponsors have timely filed the petition and that the petition is signed by qualified voters (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; (2) resident in at least three-fourths of the house districts in the state; and (3) who, in each of the house districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district.

In accordance with AS 15.45.190, the Director of the Division of Elections shall place the ballot title and proposition on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring any unforeseen special election or adjournment of the current legislative session on or before April 22, 2024, this proposition is scheduled to appear on the general election ballot on the November 5, 2024 general election.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, Alaska,

This 8th day of March, 2024.

NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR