ALASKA COMMON GROUND

Confused by Alaska's Ballot Measures?

Here's what to know about what your "Yes" and "No" votes mean.

What will be on the GENERAL election ballot on November 3?

1) Ballot Measure 2 (open non-partisan primaries, ranked choice voting, campaign finance reform)
2) Ballot Measure 3 (citizenship voting requirement)

BALLOT MEASURE 2

(open primaries, ranked choice voting, campaign finance reform)

Q: If approved, what does Ballot Measure 2 do?

A: It does three things:

1) repeals nonpartisan, open primaries;
2) repeals ranked choice voting; and
3) repeals some campaign finance disclosure rules

Q: What do each of these repeals mean?

A: The repeals will:

1) End open primaries

The measure would end open primaries and allow closed, partisan primaries for state executive and legislative and congressional offices.

2) End Ranked Choice Voting

The measure will end ranked choice voting for the top four candidates that are decided by the open primary (# 1 above) for general elections, including presidential elections

3) End some campaign finance disclosure rules

The measure would end some campaign finance disclosure rules. Currently, individuals and entities who contribute more than $2,000 to candidates or campaigns must disclose the true sources. This was enacted by ballot measure in 2020.

The measure would remove spending limits and disclosure rules, including for digital ads, out-of-state donations, undisclosed donations, and true source donations. It would also change the definition of "campaign expenditure" and remove fines for violations.

A repeal of Ballot Measure 2 would end some of what voters just passed in the August primary in Ballot Measure 1. It will end the combined donation limit for governor and lieutenant governor. There are other parts of Ballot Measure 1 that may be impacted, but they are unclear at this time and could end up being determined by the courts.

What does a YES vote do?	What does a NO vote do?
A **YES vote** will repeal and end nonpartisan open primaries, ranked choice voting, and some campaign finance disclosure rules.	A **NO vote** keeps in place open primaries, ranked choice voting, and campaign finance disclosure rules.

BALLOT MEASURE 3

(citizenship voting requirement)

Q: If approved, what does Ballot Measure 3 do?

A: Amend a current Alaska law regarding voter qualifications.

Q: What is the current Alaska law?

A: A person may vote at any election who:

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) is 18 years of age or older;

(3) has been a resident of the state and of the house district in which the person seeks to vote for a least 30 days before the election; and

(4) has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

Q: What would Ballot Measure 3 change in the current law?

A: ~~A person may vote at any election who~~: Only a person who

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) is 18 years of age or older;

(3) has been a resident of the state and of the house district in which the person seeks to vote for a least 30 days before the election; and

(4) has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction may vote at any election.

What does a YES vote do?	What does a NO vote do?
A **YES vote** supports amending state law to say, "Only a person who" is a citizen of the United States "may vote in any election."	A **NO vote** keeps current state law to say, "A person may vote at any election" who is a citizen of the United States