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State of Alaska  
Division of Elections

# Statewide Election Review Election Policy Work Group (EPWG)

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- Established by Lieutenant Governor Mallott
- Review of Division Fiscal & Policy Challenges
- Facilitate & Advance Policy Discussions - Future of Election Administration
- EPWG Member Composition (*Lt. Governor, Former Lt. Governors, Legislators, City/Borough Clerks, Tribal Organizations, US Postal Service, DOE Staff, DCRA, LOWV*)



# EPWG - Guiding Principles

## ➤ **Maximized Accessibility**

- Voters with disabilities
- Language assistance
- Rural/Urban
- All Alaskans eligible to vote

## ➤ **Cost Effectiveness**

## ➤ **Voter Satisfaction & Confidence**

- Good customer service
- Good communication with voters

## ➤ **Longevity in the Solution**

## ➤ **Coordination**

- DOE, local governments, tribes and stakeholders

## ➤ **Security and Integrity**

- All systems, including tabulation systems

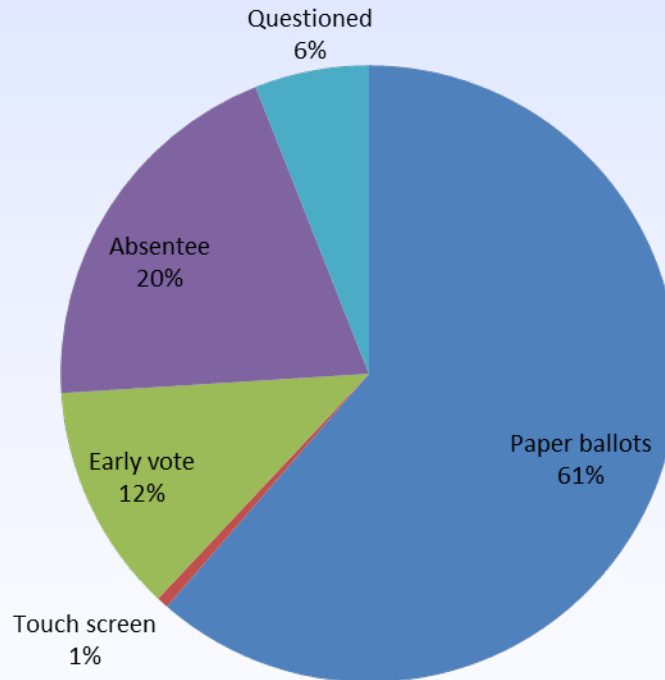
## ➤ **Voter Outreach**

- Education
- Civic Engagement



# How Do Alaskans Vote?

## 2016 General Election Voting Methods



# Exploring Ballot Delivery Systems

## ➤ Precinct Based In Person Voting

- Paper ballot precinct based
- 441 precinct polling places statewide
- No statutory or procedural changes to consider
- Absentee and Early Voting are also available
- Outright Purchase - \$6.77M + \$489k Annual License/Warranty



# Exploring Ballot Delivery Systems

## ➤ All By Mail Voting

- Ballots are mailed to all voters
- Other states use vote by mail exclusively
- Statutory & procedural changes to consider
- Potential Cost savings
- Outright Purchase - \$2.1M + \$181k Annual License/Warranty



# Exploring Ballot Delivery Systems

## ➤ **Modern Hybrid Voting System**

- Combination of by mail and in person voting
- Each voter will be mailed a ballot and voting materials
- Fact Finding Trip to Colorado and Denver County
- Statutory & Procedural Changes to Consider
- Outright Purchase - \$2.1 + \$181k Annual PLUS cost of Vote Centers



# EPWG Steps Forward

- **ISER Study with Rural Voters**
  - In progress – May 2018
- **Bethel Focus Groups**
  - April 16-17, 2018
- **Election Technology Showcase**
  - May 8-9, 2018 in ANC





# EPWG Recommendation

- **Perform a full cost analysis**
- **Identify legislative changes to AS Title 15**
- **Outreach to all Stakeholder Groups**
- **Procurement & Implementation Process**





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- **THANK YOU!!**

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