



RESOLUTION 2022-9

Requesting the Alaska Division of Elections provide greater opportunities for the public to gain familiarity with electronic voting devices

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Elections owns electronic voting machines designed to provide voting accessibility for the blind and visually impaired; and,

WHEREAS, any registered Alaskan voter may use a voting machine to cast a ballot; and,

WHEREAS, many Alaskans do not find the voting machines to have an intuitive interface; and,

WHEREAS, voting with a paper ballot can be accomplished by a typical voter in minutes, whereas using the voting machine typically take much longer; and,

WHEREAS, election poll workers must set up and test the voting machines prior to opening a polling location; and,

WHEREAS, few Alaskans avail themselves of the voting machine; and,

WHEREAS, those Alaskans that do need or prefer to use the voting machine could vote much more efficiently if the Division of Elections afforded them greater opportunities to practice using the machine to gain familiarity with its interface prior to casting their formal ballots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights calls on the Division of Elections to allow Alaskans interested in casting their ballots with the voting machine be afforded more opportunities to practice using the machine, such as the hour prior to a polling location's formal opening, time during voting hours immediately prior to casting a formal ballot, and at times and locations the Division of Elections deems appropriate such as during the annual convention for the Alaska Chapter of the National Federation for the Blind.

Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska Division of Elections.

ADOPTED at Juneau, Alaska, this 22nd day of February, 2023



Zackary Gottshall
Chairperson
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
2022-9 is a true and accurate copy of the
language adopted by the Commission on
February 22, 2023.



Angela Park
Secretary
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights