

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 3, "AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLS AND RELATING TO THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE AND QUESTIONED BALLOTS."

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Elections has accepted as voter identification Voter Registration Cards, paycheck stubs, birth certificates, hunting and fishing licenses, and other forms of voter identification listed in AS 15.15.225 and 6 AAC 25; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Voter Registration Card is to identify the voter's physical residence, political affiliation, and precinct location; and

WHEREAS, in some of Alaska's rural communities. Access to facilities that produce photo identification is limited and cost prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, some voters have limited access to photo identification due to age or disability; and

WHEREAS, current Alaska election laws provide for a questioned ballot review process that allows additional scrutiny of ballots cast by voters with insufficient identification; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's municipal clerks have reported no voter fraud issues; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 3 will create more difficulty for voters at the polls thus negatively impacting the goal of increasing voter participation and satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Elections, in partnership with Alaska's municipal clerks, has been dedicated to providing excellent training for polling place workers to ensure that voting requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sean Parnell, Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell, the Alaska Division of Elections, and Alaska's municipalities have worked to maintain a convenient system that encourages all eligible citizens to vote,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly hereby opposes House Bill No. 3 and requests the state of Alaska Legislature to retain the current list of acceptable forms of voter identification listed in AS 15.15.225 and 6 AAC 25; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be provided to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all members of the state of Alaska Legislature.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 12th day of March, 2013.


Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

