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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-038**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADDING TO THE 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA REVIEW AND UPDATE THE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO KEEP VOTER REGISTRATION ACCURATE.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough does not and cannot legally maintain a list of voter registration; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has many ways for a voter to have their name and voting address added to the master list of voter registration; and,

WHEREAS, voters have reported receiving mail and election related materials for people who do not live at their residence; and,

WHEREAS, voters have reported problems in having people removed from the list of voter registration when they move or pass away; and,

WHEREAS, at a recent Borough Assembly meeting, an employee from the Division of Elections from the State of Alaska indicated it could take 4 years, or longer for a person to be removed from the voter registration list maintained by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, for example, the official registered voter list for Assembly District 2, includes 363 people (2.7%) who have been registered for 4 or more years but never voted, and 163 people

(1%) who have never voted that have been registered to vote for more than 10 years including one person whose registration dates back to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Assembly District 2 represents only a small fraction of the voter rolls statewide; and

WHEREAS, current state Division of Election rules allow voters to be deemed inactive and removed from the rolls, but only if an initial mailed noticed is first returned from the voter's identified address, which may not happen if it no longer the person's place of residence; and

WHEREAS, all voters benefit from accurate and updated voter registration lists and the State of Alaska should make all efforts to provide these benefits.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adds the following to its state legislative priorities:

The State of Alaska should review and update the processes and procedures to keep voter registration accurate with particular emphasis on a more prompt and effective method for removing inactive voters, voters who have moved, or voters who do not vote.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day
of March, 2023.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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