

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 25, ELECTIONS.

AGENDA OF: July 18, 2023

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Adopted as amended - no objection 08/01/23 - SP

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	 Recoverable Signature X Lonnie McKechnie Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie
Department Director	X
Finance Director	X
Borough Attorney	X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	 Recoverable Signature X Michael Brown Signed by: Michael Brown
Borough Clerk	 Recoverable Signature X Lonnie McKechnie Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 23-072 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This legislation is amending portions of Title 25, Elections. The sectional analysis is below.

MSB 25.15.015(B) (1) is being amended to allow for nicknames on the ballot to mirror the State of Alaska. The difference between State Statute and what is being proposed for Title 25, is that the candidate would need to provide proof that they are known by a particular nickname. The State of Alaska does not require proof of a nickname. This would require that the candidate gather signatures of at least five registered Borough voters that will verify that the candidate is known by a particular nickname. There are other States that allow for nicknames and also require that the candidate gather signatures of registered voters for

verificaion.

The full legal name of the candidate would still appear on the ballot along with the nickname. Example:

DOE, James "Frankie"

MSB 25.30.020 is being recommended for amendment as a matter of law. The Borough cannot mandate that voters not wear a button, shirt, etc. for future elections.

MSB 25.35.081 and 25.35.107(A) are being recommended for amendment as the Review Board will no longer be the officials counting ballots. Hand count officials or the Canvass Board will be hand counting the ballots. These areas of code were missed when the MSB changed to conduct hand counts.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Request approval.