

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 25.45.040(B), ELECTION RECOUNT, TO INSTRUCT THE CANVASS BOARD TO REVIEW THE WRITE-IN VOTES AND TO COUNT THOSE WRITE-IN VOTES FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT AND FOR OFFICIAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES.

AGENDA OF: July 20, 2021

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection. KBJ 08.03.21

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *MB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	LRM	
	Borough Attorney	<i>MS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>JMM 7/12/21</i>	<i>(Signature)</i>

ATTACHMENT(S) : Fiscal Note: YES X NO
Ordinance Serial No. 21-066 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This legislation is being sponsored by Assemblymember Boeve at the request of the Clerk.

This legislation is requesting to change how the Canvass Board handles write-in votes during an election recount for those candidates whose name appears on the ballot or for an official write-in candidate.

During an election recount the Canvass Board is already required to review each ballot involved in the recount. It would be an easy addition to also have the Canvass Board review the write-in votes during the ballot review process. The Canvass Board would be looking for write-in votes of those candidates whose names are printed on the ballot or for an official write-in candidate.

The Canvass Board would tally any of these ballots and those votes would be added to the overall results for that candidate and the requisite number of write-in votes would decrease.

The legislation also is deleting the word "hand-marked." This language is out dated and is from the time the Borough went from hand-punching your ballot to hand-marking your ballot. The words also tend to confuse the recount requestor that the Clerk will be hand counting during the recount, which it does not mean.