

**Voting Study for Alaska Division of Elections
Research Consent Form (1/5/18)**

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About this Study:

You are invited to be in a research study that asks what you think about different ways of voting. The voting equipment we use now in Alaska is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced within the next five years. It is hard to find parts to fix the machines if they break and they run on old computer systems. The Alaska Division of Elections is paying for this study and wants to know how you and about 400 other voters think about different ways of voting. We will also ask questions about your experiences and concerns with voting in different ways. We do not ask questions about who you voted for in past elections.

Free to Choose:

Taking part in this survey is your choice. You do not have to answer these questions, you may stop at any time, and nothing will happen. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer.

Confidentiality:

Your answers to these questions will be confidential. This means that no one will reveal what you have said and no one will know who took part in this study. People who work at the Division of Elections will not know who answered the questions or see your answers. Only the study leaders at UAA can see your answers and everyone who works on this project has signed a pledge of confidentiality. We will write the report on this study so that no person can be identified. The Institutional Review Board at UAA may look at all answers if they think that the study leaders have not followed the rules of research.

Benefits:

The Alaska Division of Elections will learn voters' opinions about different voting systems from this study. There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this research.

Potential Risks:

It will take about 10 minutes for you to answer these questions. There are no known risks to you from answering these questions.

Contact People

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Virgene Hanna at the phone number or email address at the top of this page. If you have questions about your rights as a person in a research study, please contact Sharilyn Mumaw, Research Compliance Officer, at (907) 786-1099 or by email at simumaw@alaska.edu.

Signature

Agreeing to be in this research study means you have read, or been read, this page and are willing to answer the questions. If you have any questions, feel free to ask them now or at any time during this study.

Do you give your consent to be in this study?

Yes, I agree to be in this research study

No, I do not want to be in this research study.