

**Help America Vote Act**

**FY2021 Request: \$0**  
**Reference No: 62928**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities  
**Category:** General Government  
**Location:** Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Shawn Henderson  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 06/30/2020 - 06/30/2024 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3899

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Alaska will receive \$3 million in Federal Help America Vote Act funding via the just-enacted Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158. A 20% State match is required. The money is to be used to improve the security of Federal elections.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
1185 ElectionFd	\$3,700,000						\$3,700,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$3,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,700,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
20% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

The appropriation language will require an appropriation of Federal receipts and general fund match to the Election Fund, an appropriation of the same total from the Election Fund to the Division of Elections for elections security improvements, and the authorization to retain interest on amounts in the election fund as required by the Federal Help America Vote Act.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Alaska will receive \$3 million in Help America Vote Act funding via the just-enacted Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158. The money is to be used to: replace voting equipment that only records a voter's intent electronically with equipment that utilizes a voter-verified paper record;

- implement a post-election audit system that provides a high-level of confidence in the accuracy of the final vote tally;
- upgrade election-related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities identified through Department of Homeland Security or similar scans or assessments of existing election systems;
- facilitate cybersecurity training for the State chief election official' s office and local election officials;
- implement established cybersecurity best practices for election systems; and,
- fund other activities that will improve the security of elections for Federal office.

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