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House Passes Primary Election Rule **Party Not Required for Propositions and Initiatives**

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska House of Representatives passed [House Bill 46](#) unanimously by a vote of 32 to zero today. Sponsored by Rep. Mike Hawker (R-Anchorage), HB 46 allows voters who do not desire to declare a political party preference to request a primary election ballot that features only propositions and initiatives.

“This bill allows Alaskans to exercise their right to vote without declaring a political affiliation,” Hawker said.

Hawker added that the religious convictions of some people restrict them from declaring a party affiliation.

“This bill makes sure our political process is as open as it can possibly be to every Alaskan,” Hawker said.

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