



2018 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire

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- 1. Would you support a bill in line with HB 42, sponsored by Rep. Tammie Wilson, that would require a conviction before an alaskan's property could be permanently seized for violating the law?**

Response: yes, this seems reasonable. I generally believe that if you aren't convicted, then the property should be returned in the same condition as it was when seized. However, there may be circumstances that I am not aware of that may need an exception.

- 2. Do you support net neutrality or the requirement that internet providers must equally enable access to all content and websites?**

Response: Absolutely, I support net neutrality!

- 3. Do you agree that Alaskans have the right to speak out on political issues and elections and that this right includes their ability to use their personal resources to amplify that speech?**

Response: I am a supporter of free speech, even if I don't like what is being said. I really don't know what you mean by "personal resources to amplify that speech".

- 4. What is your position on Voter ID and what information must be provided to register to vote or cast a ballot on election day?**

Response: I am against Voter ID measures as I believe it is a biased way of oppressing a class of people and I do not believe that voter fraud is a problem, gerrymandering is a much bigger threat to our country.

5. Do you support allowing election day voter registration?

Response: No, I think people need to be held accountable to getting their act together and properly register to vote. Most states allow people to register 30 days prior to election and it seems that people have plenty of time to register.

6. Do you support allowing voters to automatically update their information when they apply for the PFD?

Response: Yes, anything to expedite and make the process easier for people is a good thing.

7. Do you support a statewide non-discrimination ordinance to protect LBGTQ Alaskans from being fired from their jobs, denied access to housing, or refused services on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity?

Response: In general, yes.

8. Do you support parental notification laws that deny women under the age of 18 access to abortion without the consent of an adult?

Response: Alaska currently does not have a parental involvement requirement and I believe that governments should stay out of family relationships.

9. Do you support Real ID, or the federalization of DMV documents?

Response: While I understand why the federal government wants this, in general it should be a state function to determine the ID requirements. I feel this is a slippery slope to eventually force everyone to have an ID, which is a violation of privacy for an individual.

10. Do you believe state and local law enforcement should be using facial recognition technologies on the general public?

Response: While Alaskans have the right to privacy, according to our constitution, it is difficult to define exactly what that means, but I think this is a clear case of a violation of our privacy. No, there should always be probable cause for those kinds of technologies.

11. What is your position on the Internet Privacy Act? Do you believe the State of Alaska should act to return privacy protections overturned by President Trump on a federal level in 2017?

Response: Yes.

12. As marijuana has been made legal for purchase for adults over the age of 21 in Alaska, would you support removing prior convictions for marijuana related offenses that are no longer crimes from publically accessible legal databases?

Response: Absolutely!