



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: In principle, yes. (I have not read the specifics of HB 42.) Asset forfeiture laws across the country are getting increased attention and the US Supreme Court has agreed to hear the *Timbs vs Indiana* case which deals with this issue in the context of the Eighth Amendment's ban on "excessive fines". Let's see what the Supreme Court says before acting on this bill.

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

Response: Yes. Equal access to information is essential to a functional democracy.

- 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: Yes. Freedom of speech, including political speech is protected by the First Amendment. However, I am concerned with the current structure of campaign finance laws that have created an uneven playing field which benefits corporations and wealthy individuals at the expense individuals or initiatives that are not as well funded.

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: While we must be vigilant in protecting the integrity of our voting system, we must also work to ensure that the process of voting is as easy as possible and work to ensure that no demographic group is unduly burdened by narrowly defined ID requirements.

5. Do you support allowing election day voter registration?

Response: Yes. As noted above, we should strive to encourage participation by making voting as easy as possible for everyone.

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

Response: Yes

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: 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: No

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

Response: I'm still weighing the pros and cons on this one. Although the real ID act was passed in 2005, it has been fraught with implementation problems.

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

Response: To the extent that this emerging technology can be useful as an investigative tool, (ie, identification of the Capital Gazette shooter), I think we should keep an open mind. However, we need to balance that against the right of an individual to walk down the street without being "watched" by the government.

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: Yes