

The Race is on —

Sixty Candidates for Rural Seats

Forty-six contenders for 11 House seats and 14 candidates for four Senate seats are competing to represent rural Alaska in primary elections for the state legislature this summer.

Candidates hitting the campaign trail for the August 26 primary, in a final list released last week by the Director of Elections, include the following senatorial hopefuls:

- District N (Interior), John C. Sackett (R-Galena), incumbent, and Albert H. Reyerse (R-Slana).

- District M (Bristol Bay, Calista-AVCP), George Hohman Jr. (D-Bethel), incumbent; Raymond C. Christiansen (D-Bethel), and Carl Jack (D-Bethel).

- District B (Southeastern), Alan Dill (D-Sitka), Lance Ingle (D-Wrangell), Richard Eliason (R-Sitka) and Hesden Scougal (R-Petersburg).

- District K (Kenai Peninsula), Alexander Shadura (D-Kenai), Bill Quandt (D-Kenai), Donald Gilman (R-Kenai), Onis King (R-Kenai) and Merrill Stephen Sikorski (R-Soldotna).

Vying for 11 seats representing rural areas are the following

- District 2 (Southeastern), Alan Gregg (D-Wrangell), Alan Stein (D-Petersburg) and Ernest Haugen (R-Petersburg), Incumbent.

- District 3 (Southeastern), Nelson David Frank (D-Sitka), Oliver John Bicakar (I-Sitka), Ben F. Gussendorf (D-Sitka) and Raberly R. Potter (R-Sitka).

- District 5 (Ahtna, Chugach), Margaret Branson (R-Cooper Landing), incumbent; Bette M. Cato (D-Valdez), Robert A. Leary (R-Seward), Paul C. McCarty (R-Cooper Landing) and Joseph A. Roche (R-Copper Center).

- District 14 (Kodiak), Fred F. Zharoff (D-Kodiak), incumbent, Merle G. Snider (D-Kodiak), Danforth Ogg (R-Kodiak) and Lynn Frank Saupe (R-Kodiak).

- District 15 (Aleutian Chain, Pribilof Islands, Kodiak), Michael H. Emmick (R-Port Lions), Eric G. Sutcliffe (R-Unalaska), Michael Swetzof (R-Unalaska), Alvin Osterback (D-Sand Point), incumbent, Frank R. Peterson (D-Larsen Bay) and Vincent M. Tutiaikoff, Sr. (D-Unalaska).

- District 16 (Bristol Bay), Joseph Chuckwuk (I), George F. Gottschalk, Jr., (D-Naknek), Joe E. McGill (D-Dillingham), Earl D. Mollohan (D-Naknek), Harry Evan Purdy (D-Dillingham) and Daniel J. O'Hara (R-Naknek).

- District 17 (Calista-AVCP), Charles Joseph Guinn (D-Bethel), Phillip Guy (D-Kwethluk), incumbent; Anthony Nicholas Vaska (D-Bethel) and John F. Malone (R-Bethel).

- District 18 (Calista-AVCP and Doyon-Tanana Chiefs), Vernon L. Hurlbert (D-Sleetmute), incumbent; Sarah Hanuske-Hamilton (D-Shageluk), Martin Moore (D-Emmonak), Lester Wilde (D-Mountain Village), Donald Harris (R-McGrath) and Douglas Hayward Sherrer (R-Tokotna).

- District 19 (Doyon-Tanana Chiefs), Harvey D. Black (D-Eagle), Hoyt P. Moss (D-Delta Junction), incumbent; Harley G. Olberg (R-Delta Junction) and John Titus (R-Arctic Village).

- District 21 (Arctic Slope, NANA), Albert P. Adams (D-Kotzebue) and Morgon P. Solomon (D-Barrow).

- District 22 (Bering Straits), John G. "Jack" Fuller (D-Nome), incumbent, unopposed.

Among statewide candidates, two Alaska Natives are seeking office, both challenging U.S. Senator Mike Gravel and both running in the Democratic primary. Former AFN presidents Donald R. Wright (Fairbanks) and Morris Thompson (Anchorage and Tanana), both Athabascan Indians are among six Republicans in that race.

Three Alaska Natives filed in races from Anchorage and Fairbanks, including Markey Albert Beltz (D-District 7, Anchorage) and Charles Gustav Anderson (R-District 10, Anchorage) and Christian G. Anderson (D-District 20, Fairbanks).