

Poll favors Hammond, Hohman

A poll conducted by the Tundra Times during late June and early July shows Governor Jay Hammond in the lead among gubernatorial candidates and State Senator George Hohman (Democrat of Bethel) to be the favorite among candidates for Lieutenant Governor. Democratic challenger Pat Rodey was narrowly favored over incumbent Congressman Don Young.

Participants in the poll were

primarily residents of rural Alaska, included both Natives and non-Natives, and represented about two percent of the newspaper's readership, according to Tundra Times circulation manager Robert Polasky, who supervised tabulation of the poll results.

The poll was intended to provide an informal indication, rather than an authoritative representation, of the sentiments of

rural Alaskan voters. Requests for poll participants to indicate preference for candidates was included incidentally with a questionnaire designed to allow readers to express preference for news coverage and to provide information for use in the newspaper's advertising programs.

Candidates for governor, and the respective percentages each received of poll votes, are as

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● Poll results

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follows: Jay Hammond, incumbent (R), 32.3; Walter Hickel (R), 27.4; Chancy Croft (D), 12.9; Ed Merdes (D), 9.7; Jay Kerttula (D), 8.0; Don Wright (I), 6.5; and Tom Fink (R), 3.2. Republican candidate Jimmie Drew Lockhart and Independent candidate Tom Kelly received no votes in the poll.

Candidates for the office of Lieutenant Governor, and respective percentages of votes received in the poll, are: George Hohman (D), 20.0; Bob Bradley (D), 18.0; Terry Miller (R), 16.0; Kathleen (Mike) Dalton (R), 12.0; Joe Vogler (I), 10.0;

Charles Konigsberg (D), 8.0; Kay Poland (I), 8.0; Mike Beirne (R), 6.0; and Katherine Hurley (D), 2.0. Republicans Brad Bradley and Bob Ward and Democrats John Alexander, Red Swanson, D.E. Thompson and Cliff Warren received no votes in the poll.

Poll participants opposed both the capital move bond proposal (60 percent to 40 percent) and the Beirne homestead initiative (55 percent to 45 percent). An error in presentation of the portion of the poll concerning the race for U.S. Senate rendered those results inconclusive.