

Gov. William Egan Pulls Ahead in Gubernatorial Race

In Surveys in Juneau, Anchorage

Gov. William A. Egan's campaign manager says Egan has pulled ahead in the governor's race in voter surveys conducted in Anchorage and Juneau.

Wes Coyner said the on-going Anchorage survey consisted of balloting by about 400 registered voters on each of three occasions at 12 major shopping locations throughout the Anchorage area.

The latest results, on Saturday, Oct. 19, he said, showed Egan with 48.9% of the vote, his opponent with 46.7%, and 4.3% of voters undecided.

A total of 398 voters were polled, he said, with Egan receiving 195 votes, his opponent 186, and 17 voters being undecided.

The weekend Juneau area survey, Coyner said, consisted of balloting by 251 persons at four locations areawide — in Juneau

on Saturday, and in Douglas, at the airport shopping center, and at Auke Bay on Sunday.

He said Egan received 151 votes, or 68.1%; his opponent 76 votes, or 30.3%; and four voters were undecided, 1.6%.

In the on-going Anchorage area survey, Coyner said, Egan has picked up almost 11% since the second poll on Oct. 16 and 14% since the initial poll Oct. 9, to reach his current 48.9%.

Egan's opponent, he said, lost almost 6.5% since the Oct. 16 poll and a total of 15.3% since the initial Oct. 9 poll, in dropping to his current 46.7%.

Coyner said 381 registered voters had been polled on Oct. 9; 398 on Oct. 16; and 398 on Oct. 19.

Coyner attributed Egan's gains, as reflected by the continuing polls, to "vigorous campaigning on the issues."