

# Voter card mix-up found

State elections officials have discovered a big computer error that mistakenly told about 35,500 voters in the Interior, Kotzebue, the Aleutian Islands and Kodiak that they were to vote halfway across state.

The Division of Elections sent blue voter location cards to voters in districts 20 through 27 which gave the incorrect voting location.

Division of Elections spokesman Dana Coffman said the voter location cards were sent to all registered voters throughout the state to tell them of new voting sites.

The cards were sent out because the state voting districts were changed this year because of voter re-apportionment. "Many of the people who had voted, say, across the street for years, might find they vote in a location miles away."

Coffman said the computer error was first found in the Fairbanks area. "In the Fairbanks area, it would say vote in Precinct 21, but it would tell them to vote in Homer. The computer picked up about any precinct in the state but the correct one."

She said that voters who received the incorrect cards should throw them away and not use them for anything. New cards will be issued for Districts 20 through 21.