Register now

One of the most important things you can do this week is to find a voter registrar and sign up as a registered voter of the state.

It is important you do this *this week* because state law will not let you vote in the August primary election if you have not registered by July 25.

If you register to vote now, you also are eligible to vote in the all-important November election which will decide many issues.

Among those issues is one which every person reading this paper should be vitally involved in — subsistence.

In plain and simple words, votes will be taken on nine "initiatives." The initiative dealing with subsistence is one which, if passed, would eliminate the subsistence law.

The initiative, if passed, would open up all hunting everywhere to anyone, with little chance for sound regulations in times of crisis for fish and game.

This initiative is worded so many people will vote *for* it because they believe they will be supporting subsitence. But if you vote "yes," you will be voting *against* subsistence.

But, we are getting ahead of ourselves.

Before you can vote, you have to be registered. If you aren't registered, there is nothing you can do to help protect your subsistence lifestyle.

All you do when you register is tell the state elections office where you live and that you are a citizen of the state. The state needs that information to keep people from voting more than once in any election.

If you don't know where to register, call your village council or your regional corporation or non-profit corporation. Your Village Public Safety Officer should know where you can vote. So should your local Legislative Affairs office.

And, if all else fails, call us at the Tundra Times. We'll get you the information you need.

But, please make the effort. You would not go hunting or fishing without the necessary equipment. This is another way of preparing for the hunt.

Don't go into this most important election without the weapon to participate in it — your voter registration card.

Your lifestyle depends on it.