

FTC Warns Of Voting Scam

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The Federal Trade Commission says there is a new scam involving voter registration. The State Division of Elections is warning voters to be aware of what is and isn't proper information that can be requested when registering to vote. Mary Donaldson has more.

Gail Fenumiai (FE-NEW-ME-EYE), the director for the Division of Elections in Alaska, says the recent scam involves people calling and asking for confidential information to get the voter registered, which is something that the division wouldn't do.

(Gail 1 :17s "local election boards.")

Fenumiai says asking the voter for information over the phone is not the division's standard procedure. When registering to vote for the first time, she says voters are required to provide one identifier such as the last four digits of the Social Security number, an Alaska driver's license number, or their Alaska State ID number located on their voter registration application, along with their date of birth. If any of the required information is missing, she says the division would obtain the needed information differently.

(Gail 2 :31s "when you are registering to vote.")

Fenumiai urges the public to never provide any of this information to the person who may be targeting them. She says if anyone believes they have been scammed, to contact the Federal Trade Commission by phone or visiting their website. She says so far, there haven't been any cases of identity theft from this voter registration scam reported in Alaska.

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link to the FTC here: www.ftc.gov/idtheft