

Alaska Congressional Polling Memo



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TO: Interested Parties
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RE: Survey of n500 Likely General Election Voters in Alaska

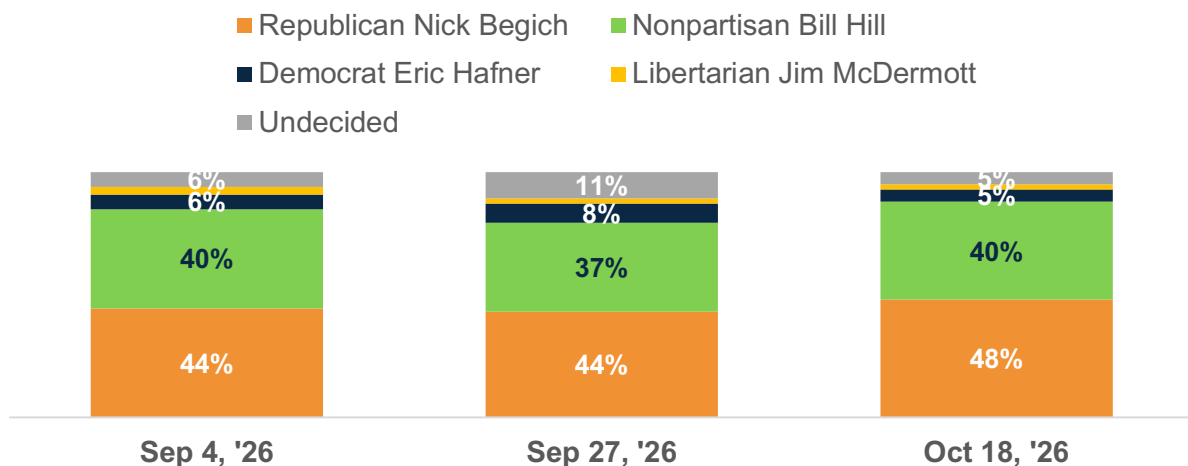
Executive Summary

The race for Alaska's at-large congressional seat has moved steadily toward Nick Begich across Cygnal's three fall surveys. Begich now leads Bill Hill 48%-40% on the first choice ballot, double his 4-point lead in early September, and wins the final ranked choice round 54%-46%. Hill's image has weakened sharply as voters learn more about him.

First Choice Ballot: Begich's Lead Has Doubled

Begich's first choice margin has grown from +4 (44%-40%) on September 4 to +7 (44%-37%) on September 27 and +8 (48%-40%) in late October. As undecideds fell from 11% to 5% since late September, Begich captured the larger share, gaining +4 points to Hill's +3.

Note: Cygnal's final poll in the 2024 cycle was within 0.8% of the actual results.



Hill's Image Is Eroding as Begich's Stabilizes

Hill's favorable/unfavorable rating has fallen from 38%/17% (net +21) in early September to 41%/35% (net +6) today, and his very unfavorable rating has more than doubled from 11% to 25%. The share calling Hill progressive climbed from 22% to 52%, while Begich's image improved from 43%/49% to an even 46%/46%. These results also reflect a reasonable midterm turnout model: respondents recall voting for Trump by 7 points (49%-42%), well short of his 13-point statewide win in 2024 (54.5%-41.4%), so Begich's lead holds even in a less Republican electorate.

Methodology: This probabilistic survey was conducted October 15-18, 2026, with 500 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of $\pm 4.38\%$. Likely general election voters were interviewed via live phone calls and SMS text-to-web surveys. This survey was weighted to a likely general election voters audience.