



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was founded in St. Louis, Missouri on November 28, 1891. IBEW Local 1547 was chartered in Alaska on October 1, 1946.

Local 1547 represents workers in many diverse construction classifications including power linemen, inside wiremen, power plant workers and technicians, mechanics, warehouse workers, line clearance tree trimmers and heavy equipment operators.

Traditionally, people think of IBEW members as people who work with electricity—but over the years, other classifications have joined the ranks of Local 1547.

Some of the many classifications we represent are: cooks, certified nursing assistants, clerks, accounting specialists, engineers, city and municipal employees, property management workers, maintenance custodians, gardeners, librarians, plant services workers, programmers, radar operators, cashiers, x-ray technicians and more.

As part of the powerful International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), which represents 820,000 members nationwide, IBEW 1547 is committed to excellence.

In partnership with our industry allies, we own and operate educational facilities in both Anchorage and Fairbanks serving a statewide population. Together, we offer electrical apprenticeship training that provides competitive wages, family healthcare, retirement benefits, and college credits. Our apprenticeships and unions actively recruit talent from local community, high school, and veteran programs. Recognized as the gold standard in workforce training, our IBEW apprenticeship programs hope to expand into future workforce opportunities.

We take pride in our achievements that enhance electrical worker priorities, secure power for Alaska homes, and promote clean renewable energy. However, our mission continues until all workers in the electrical industry are organized with better wages and safe working conditions.

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2026 State Legislative Questionnaire

Campaign and Background:

1. NAME:
2. POSITION RUNNING FOR:
3. PHONE NUMBER(S):
4. EMAIL ADDRESS:
5. CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:
6. CAMPAIGN MANAGER/CONSULTANT(S):
7. FUNDRAISING GOAL:
8. CASH ON HAND:
9. UNION AFFILIATION PAST OR PRESENT (IF ANY):
10. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION?
11. WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THE ENDORSEMENT OF IBEW 1547?
12. WOULD YOU USE YOUR ELECTION POSITION TO SUPPORT UNION ACTIVITIES?
(E.G. SPEAK AT PRESS CONFERENCES OR RALLIES)?
13. DO YOU HONOR ALL AFL-CIO PICKET LINES?
14. HAVE YOU PUBLICLY SUPPORTED OR WALKED A PICKET LINE? IF YES, PLEASE
STATE WHEN AND WHERE?
15. HAVE YOU EVER CROSSED A PICKET LINE? IF YES, PLEASE STATE WHEN AND WHY?

Policy and Platforms:

1. The term “right to work” means a worker can choose to not pay union dues but would still be entitled to all the benefits and protections that come with collective bargaining. Do you support or oppose Right to Work legislation?

I oppose right to work legislation

I support right to work legislation

Other (please explain)

2. Do you support Davis Bacon, a law that requires companies bidding on public construction projects to pay prevailing wages and benefits?

I support Davis Bacon

I oppose Davis Bacon

Other (please explain)

3. Alaska Statute 18.62 requires that electrical workers have a certificate of fitness proving that they have the training and experience to perform electrical work in a safe manner. Do you support certificate of fitness requirements?

I support certificate of fitness requirements

I oppose certificate of fitness requirements

Other (please explain)

4. How would you respond to legislation that seeks to undermine the collective bargaining rights of union members?

I support collective bargaining

I oppose collective bargaining

Other (please explain)

5. Do you support a return to a defined benefit for Alaska’s public employees?

- I support a defined benefit pension
- I oppose a defined benefit pension
- Other (please explain)

6. Project labor agreements are agreements between construction unions and contractors that establish uniform terms for specific projects. Do you support the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on construction projects?

- I support project labor agreements
- I oppose project labor agreements
- Other (please explain)

7. Would you support a project labor agreement (PLA) requirement for major private construction projects that receive public funding or resources, including tax credits, tax exemptions, or development incentives?

- I support PLA requirements
- I oppose PLA requirements
- Other (please explain)

8. Would you support requirements that contractors utilize apprentices on major private construction projects that receive public funding or resources, including tax credits, tax exemptions, or development incentives?

- I support apprentice utilization requirements
- I oppose apprentice utilization requirements
- Other (please explain)

9. Do you support increases to the capital budget and/or a GO Bond?

- I support increases to the capital budget
- I oppose increases to the capital budget
- Other (please explain)

10. If elected, will you commit to contacting IBEW Local 1547 before proposing any legislation that impacts certificate of fitness standards, electrical utilities, or electrical safety standards?

Yes

No

11. Do you support labor standards in data center construction? E.g., requiring prevailing wages, project labor agreements, apprenticeship utilization, electrical licensing, and safety standards.

Yes

No

Other (please explain)

12. Do you support labor standards requirements for Independent Power Producers (IPP). E.g., requiring prevailing wages, project labor agreements, apprenticeship utilization, electrical licensing, and safety standards.

Yes

No

Other (please explain)

13. Do you support labor standards for battery energy storage systems (BESS) and other energy storage systems? E.g., requiring prevailing wages, project labor agreements, apprenticeship utilization, electrical licensing, and safety standards.

Yes

No

Other (please explain)

14. Do you support any type of broad-based revenue? If so, what type?

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15. What is your position on transitioning to renewable energy, and would you support the IBEW's stance on ensuring that this transition provides equitable, high-quality jobs for union members?

16. How will you ensure that organized labor always has a seat at the table and that workers' voices are heard – and listened to - in government and public policy?