



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 Governor 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?
16. WILL YOU APPOINT A PERSON(S) IN YOUR SENIOR STAFF TO WORK WITH
ORGANIZED LABOR?
17. WILL YOU APPOINT A PERSON(S) FROM ORGANIZED LABOR TO YOUR TRANSITION
TEAM?

Policy and Platforms:

1. If elected, what would you change about how state government operates and why?
2. 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? Please explain.
3. Do you support Alaska law that requires companies bidding on public construction projects, both urban and rural, to pay the local prevailing wages and benefits (Davis/Bacon)?
4. Do you support Davis Bacon requirements on all projects that receive state funding?
5. Do you support a return to a defined benefit for Alaska’s public employees?
6. Do you support any type of broad-based revenue?
7. Do you support increases to the capital budget and/or a GO Bond?
8. Do you support the Renewable Energy Fund?
9. 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?
10. Do you support requiring labor standards in climate policies and programs?
11. As an elected official, would you work with IBEW to support certificate of fitness requirements?
12. What is your stance on the importance of maintaining collective bargaining agreements for the protection of skilled labor in the electrical industry?
13. How would you respond to legislation that seeks to undermine the collective bargaining rights of our members?
14. Do you support the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)?
15. Would you support adopting a PLA requirement for major private construction projects that receive public funding or resources, including tax credits, tax exemptions, or development incentives?

16. Would you also support PLAs for Independent Power Producer (IPP) projects, regardless of whether they are funded purely by state dollars or through public/private partnerships?
17. How would you ensure that IPPs, post-construction, are creating good, local legacy jobs that provide competitive wages, family healthcare, retirement benefits, etc.?
18. What is your position on the regulation of electrical work concerning renewable energy technology, such as battery energy storage systems (BESS), nuclear energy, and commercial solar projects?
19. In your career what has your personal involvement been in passing, supporting or negotiating project labor agreements?
20. Have you ever voted against or opposed the use of a PLA?
21. Do you support labor standards in data center construction? E.g. requiring prevailing wages, project labor agreements, apprenticeship utilization, electrical licensing, and safety standards.
22. Do you support labor standards for BESS and other energy storage systems. E.g. requiring prevailing wages, project labor agreements, apprenticeship utilization, electrical licensing, and safety standards.
23. Please explain your views on Railbelt Grid Reform, including:
 - a. the potential transfer of transmission or generation assets from electrical utilities to the state, a nonprofit, or other entity.
 - b. economic dispatch and Independent System Operators (ISOs).
24. Please explain your views on the Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC).
25. Please explain your views on the Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO).
26. Please list your top priorities for transmission projects in the state.
27. Please list your top priorities for generation projects in the state.
28. Please list your top priorities for telecommunications projects in the state.
29. 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?