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Bill Hill In Strong Position To Unseat Nick Begich in Alaska House Race

A new poll shows that independent Bill Hill is already within a few points of Congressman Nick Begich and takes a clear lead after voters receive profiles on both candidates. Hill has the strongest profile in the race, and when voters receive messages on both Hill and Begich, Hill surges.

The following are key findings from the poll of likely general election voters in Alaska:¹

- **Hill is already viewed more favorably than Begich.** Hill enjoys 2:1 favorability ratings (23% favorable / 11% unfavorable), while Begich is viewed negatively by more voters than positively (41% favorable / 43% unfavorable).
- **Hill starts within striking distance of Begich.** The poll shows that as of today, in a simulated head-to-head race between Hill and Begich, Begich leads 46% - 42%, within the poll's margin of error.
 - Among voters who know both candidates, Hill leads by 21 points.
 - Among independents, Hill leads by 16 points.
- **After profiles on Hill and Begich, Hill takes a double digit lead.** When voters receive one equal length profile on each candidate, Hill takes a 52% - 42% lead. (See language of profiles below.)
 - With independent voters, Hill's lead grows to 60% - 29%.

¹ GBAO conducted a survey with 500 likely general election voters statewide in Alaska from August 3 – 5, 2026. The survey was conducted by telephone using live interviewers and text message. The survey is subject to a 4.4 percentage point margin of error at the 95% confidence level.



Vote Progression

● Hill ● Begich

Initial Vote

Post-Profile Vote



Bottom Line: Now that Matt Schultz has suspended his campaign and endorsed Bill Hill, Hill is in a strong position to defeat incumbent Nick Begich in November.

Profiles Tested:

- Bill Hill is an Alaska Native teacher, school superintendent, and commercial fisherman from Bristol Bay. He's running as an independent because he believes our Representative should answer to Alaskans, not a political party. Bill grew up fishing, hunting, trapping, and raising sled dog teams. Bill says it's not fair that working families are facing rising costs for healthcare, housing, and gas while the ultrawealthy and big corporations are raking in record profits. In Congress, Bill will fight back against corruption and stand up to the billionaires who have rigged the system against us so that we can invest in our schools and lower costs of gas and groceries.*
- Republican Congressman Nick Begich was born in Alaska, and is raising his son with the same Alaskan values of self-reliance, honesty, and love for the land we all share. As a small business owner and job creator, he knows what it takes to unleash Alaska's unlimited economic potential. In Congress, he's gotten more bills signed into law than any freshman on record, unlocked 30 million acres for drilling creating good paying Alaskan jobs, passed no tax on tips, and kept Alaska's oil money here protecting our grandchildren's future. Begich will never stop working for Alaska.*