

## ALASKA



State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



### **Administration of State Forensic Services ..... §§ 44.41.025, 44.41.035**

The state administers its forensic services through the Alaska Department of Public Safety.

### **Convicted Offender DNA Analysis ..... § 44.41.035**

People convicted of any felony or sex crime misdemeanor must submit a DNA sample to state officials. Sample collection applies to juveniles.

### **Arrestee DNA Analysis ..... § 44.41.035**

People arrested for all felonies and crimes against a person must submit a DNA sample to state officials. The sample is collected at booking and is expunged upon request. The Department of Public Safety is required to adopt procedures for collection, analysis, storage, expungement, and use of the DNA identification registration system.

### **Post Conviction DNA Analysis ..... §12.73.010**

The state allows an individual convicted of a felony offense against a person to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable probability of actual innocence. A convicted person who pled guilty or no contest may not apply for testing, unless a court waives this requirement. Alaska code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

### **Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs ..... § 18.68.010**

State laws address training requirements for sexual assault examiners and set standards for sexual assault evidence collection.