

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Memorandum

Explanation of Changes: HJR 26

HJR 26: Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the membership of the Redistricting Board and relating to district boundaries.

Section 1. Lines 6-10: Replaced the word “nonpartisan” to a more specific statement, “the map may not be drawn to unduly favor a political party, and a district may not be drawn to unduly favor a political party or candidate.”

Section 2 (a). Lines 4-18: Language changed to add three independent Redistricting Board Members instead of 1. The Redistricting Board will now consist of seven members.

Section 4 (d) Lines 6-7: Language removed banning the selection of Board Members who had made political contributions or held political office at the municipal level.

Section 4 (e) Lines 9-12: Language change to reflect the four Board Members appointed by political parties now elect the three remaining independent, nonpartisan Board Members.

Section 4 (f). Lines 13-21: Language change to reflect Supreme Court picking only three independent candidates for Redistricting Board, instead of 5.

Section 6 Lines 1-3: Language updated to reflect the new majority of the board.