ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Hon. William A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your Committee on Style and Drafting herewith presents its redraft of the Article on Suffrage and Elections for consideration by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

ARTICLE V

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Qualified Voters

Section 1. Every citizen of the United States who is at least nineteen years of age, qualified to vote under this article and not barred by any other provision of law may vote in any state or local election. He shall have been, immediately preceding the election, for one year a resident of Alaska and for thirty days a resident of the election district in which he seeks to vote. He shall be able to read or speak the English language as prescribed by law, unless prevented by physical disability.

Disqualifications

Section 2. No person may vote who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless his civil rights have been restored. No person may vote who has been judicially determined to be of unsound mind unless the disability has been removed.
### Methods of Voting; Election Contests

Section 3. Methods of voting, including absentee voting, shall be prescribed by law. Secrecy of voting shall be preserved. The procedure for determining election contests, with right of appeal to the courts, shall be prescribed by law.

### Voting Precincts; Registration

Section 4. The legislature may provide a system of permanent registration of voters and may establish voting precincts within election districts.

### General Elections

Section 5. General elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in October of every even numbered year, but the month and day may be changed by law.

### Section 6. Special Voting Provision (Transitional)

Section 6. Citizens who legally voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and who fulfill the residence requirements for voting, shall be entitled to vote notwithstanding the provisions of Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution.
January 23, 1956

Style changes made in Style and Drafting Article V, Suffrage and Elections

| Section 1: at least nineteen qualified to vote under this article | Section 1: nineteen or over actual and bona fide continuously |
| Section 2: may vote | Section 3: pardoned and shall be qualified to vote |
| Section 3: prescribed by law | Section 2: The legislature shall establish |
| Section 3: with right of appeal to the courts | Section 2: which shall include the right of appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction |
| Section 4: permanent registration of voters | Section 2: permanent voter registration |
| Section 5: by law | Section 4: the legislature is empowered |
| said date the month and day | said date |
| Section 6: fulfill | Section 1: must |
| Section 1: mast for voting of this section |
| Section 1: shall not be deprived of their voting rights |
| Section 1: shall be entitled to vote |
| Section 1: by any provision of this section |
| Section 1: by the provisions of Article V, Section 1 |
RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

ARTICLE V

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Every citizen of the United States at least nineteen years of age, qualified to vote under this article and not barred by any other provision of law, may vote in any state or local election. He shall have been, immediately preceding the election, a resident of Alaska for one year and for thirty days a resident of the election district in which he seeks to vote. He shall be able to read or speak the English language as prescribed by law, unless prevented by physical disability.

Section 2. No person may vote who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless his civil rights have been restored, who has been judicially determined to be of unsound mind unless the disability has been removed.

Section 3. Methods of voting, including absentee voting, shall be prescribed by law. Secrecy of voting shall be preserved. The procedure for determining election contests, with right of appeal to the courts, shall be prescribed by law.
Section 4. Voting precincts within election districts, and a system of permanent registration may be established by law.

Section 5. General elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in October of every even numbered year, but the month and day may be changed by law.

Section 6. Citizens who legally voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and who fulfill the residence requirements for voting shall be entitled to vote notwithstanding the provisions of Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution.
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January 17, 1956

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ARTICLE V

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Every citizen of the United States, of at least nineteen years of age, shall be qualified to vote in any state or local election. He must have been a resident of Alaska for one year and of the election district for thirty days prior to election. He must be able to read or speak the English language as prescribed by law, unless prevented by physical disability.

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to vote who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless his civil rights have been restored, or who has been judicially determined to be of unsound mind unless the disability has been removed, or who is barred from voting by any provision of law.
1. Section 2. Secrecy of voting shall be preserved.

2. Methods of voting, including absentee voting, shall be established by law.

3. The procedure for determining election contests shall be prescribed by law.

4. The right of appeal to the courts shall be prescribed by law.

5. Section 4. A system for the permanent registration of voters and for the creation of voting precincts within election districts may be established by law.

6. General elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in October of every year, unless otherwise provided by law.

NOTE: The following provision of Committee Proposal 1 should be included in the Transitory Provisions of the Constitution:

Section 2. Citizens who voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and who fulfill the residence requirements for voting, shall be entitled to vote, notwithstanding the provision of Article V, Section 7 of this constitution of law to the contrary notwithstanding.
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COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 1 RE-DRAFT

Introduced by Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Appertnment

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part of the Alaska State Constitution:

ARTICLE 2

ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

Qualifications: For Voting

Section 1. Every citizen of the United States, at least

nineteen years of age or over, shall be entitled to
to vote in any state or local election. No person shall have been
residing or residing in Alaska for one year continuously
and of the election district in which he seeks
to vote, thirty days immediately preceding the

election. He must be able to read or speak the

English language as prescribed by law, unless

prevented by physical disability.

Disqualifications: For Voting

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to vote

who has been convicted of a felony involving

moral turpitude unless his civil rights have

been restored, or who has been judicially de- 

mined to be of unsound mind unless the disability

has been removed, or who is barred from voting by

any provision of law.
### Methods of Voting and of Deciding Election Contests

1. **Section 2.** Secrecy of voting shall be preserved.

2. Methods of voting, including absentee voting, and the

3. manner of determining election contests, which shall

4. include the right of appeal to the courts, shall be

5. prescribed by law. The procedure of election contests

6. shall include the right of official recounts.

7. Section 4. A system for the permanent registration

8. of voters and for the creation of voting precincts

9. within election districts may be established by law.

10. Section 5. General elections shall be held on the

11. second Tuesday in October of every even numbered

12. year unless otherwise provided by law.

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**Transitional**

NOTE: The following provision of Committee Proposal/1/Enrolled should be included in the Transitory Provisions of the Constitution:

Citizens who voted in the general election of November 4, 1924, and who fulfill the residence requirements for voting, shall be entitled to vote, any provision of Article V, Section 1 of this constitution or law to the contrary notwithstanding.