C/P No. 15 - General and Miscellaneous Provisions
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Report of the Style and Drafting Committee

Honorable William A. Egan
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your committee on Style and Drafting submits herewith a proposal for consideration by the Convention. The proposal covers the subjects which the Committee Chairmen asked this Committee to consider (see Convention/16).

It would be appropriate for the Convention to consider this proposal in conjunction with Committee Proposal No. 12 on "General and Miscellaneous Provisions".

Respectfully submitted,

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Section 1. Titles, subtitles and marginal titles are not to be used for purposes of interpreting this Constitution.

Section 2. In this Constitution the personal pronoun is to be interpreted to include persons of both sexes.

Section 3. The enumeration in this Constitution of specified powers is not to be interpreted as a limitation upon the powers of the state government.

Section 4. The provisions of this Constitution are to be interpreted as self-executing whenever possible.
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 General and Miscellaneous for consideration by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ARTICLE XII
GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Service 1

Section 1. The legislature shall establish a system under which the merit principle will govern the employment of persons by the State.

Retirement Systems

Section 2. Membership in employee retirement systems of the State or its political subdivisions shall constitute a contractual relationship. Accrued benefits of these systems shall not be diminished or impaired.

Disqualification for Disloyalty

Section 3. No person who advocates, or who aids or belongs to any party or organization or association which advocates, the overthrow by force or violence of the government of the United States or of the State shall be qualified to hold any public office of trust or profit under this constitution.
Oath of Office

Section 4. All public officers, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as ___ to the best of my ability". The legislature may prescribe further oaths or affirmations.

Inter-governmental Relations

Section 5. The State and its political subdivisions may cooperate with the United States and its territories and with other states and their political subdivisions on matters of common interest. The respective legislative bodies may make appropriations for this purpose. The governor shall act as the agent of the State in all intergovernmental relations involving the State.

Interpretation

Section 6. Titles and subtitles shall not be used in construing this constitution. Personal pronouns used in this constitution shall be construed as including persons of both sexes.

General Power

Section 7. The enumeration of specified powers in this constitution shall not be construed as limiting the powers of the State.

Provisions

Section 8. The provisions of this constitution
Self-executing 1 shall be construed to be self-executing whenever possible.

Law-Making Powers 3 Section 9. As used in this constitution, the terms "by law" and "by the legislature", or variations of these terms, are used interchangeably when related to law-making powers. Unless clearly inapplicable, the law-making powers assigned to the legislature may be exercised by the people through the initiative, subject to the limitations of Article XI.

Office of Profit 11 Section 10. Service in the armed forces of the United States or of the State is not an office or position of profit as the term is used in this constitution.

Consent to Enabling Act 15 Section 11. All provisions of the act admitting Alaska to the Union which reserve rights or powers to the United States, as well as those prescribing the terms or conditions of the grants of lands or other property, are consented to fully by the State and its people.

State University 21 Section 12. The University of Alaska is hereby established as the state university and constituted a body corporate. It shall have title to all real and personal property now or hereafter set aside for or conveyed to it. Its property shall be
Section 13. The University of Alaska shall be governed by a board of regents. The regents shall be nominated and appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. The board shall, in accordance with law, formulate policy and appoint the president of the university, He shall be the executive officer of the board.