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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

Honorable William A. Egan
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures submits herewith a proposal for consideration of the Convention. These are additional miscellaneous matters that can appropriately be considered in conjunction with Committee Proposal No. 12 on "General and Miscellaneous Provisions".

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Proposal No. 16
Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 16

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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

1. Section 1. The state of Alaska and its people do agree that they forever disclaim all right and title to any lands or other property not granted or confirmed to the State or its political subdivisions by or under the authority of the Act of Admission of this state, the right or title to which is held by the United States or is subject to disposition by the United States, and to any lands or other property (including fishing rights) the right or title to which may be held by any Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts (hereinafter called natives) or is held by the United States in trust for said natives; that all such lands or other property, belonging to the United States or which may belong to said natives, shall be and remain under the absolute jurisdiction and control of the United States until disposed of.
under its authority, except to such extent as the Congress has prescribed or may hereafter prescribe and except when held by individual natives in fee without restrictions on alienation; and that no taxes shall be imposed by the State upon any lands or other property now owned or hereafter acquired by the United States or which, as hereinabove set forth, may belong to said natives, except to such extent as the Congress has prescribed or may hereafter prescribe, and except when held by individual natives in fee without restriction on alienation; and no legislative act by the State of Alaska shall be taken thereon. Nothing in this section shall prevent this state from accepting any payments in lieu of taxes that may be authorized by the Congress. The foregoing ordinance shall be irrevocable without the consent of the United States and the people of this State.

Consent to Enabling Act

Section 2. The State of Alaska and its people hereby consent to all and singular the provisions of the Enabling Act that is passed by Congress and approved by the President for the admission of Alaska into the Union of States.

University of Alaska

Section 3. The University of Alaska is hereby established as the state university and constituted
1 a body corporate to continue uninterrupted in all
2 respects as provided by law.
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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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/12
Style and Drafting/Article XII
January 30, 1956

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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

ARTICLE XII
GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Service
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 associa-
tion 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 shall be construed to be self-executing whenever possible.

Law-Making Powers

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

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

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

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
Board of Regents

1 administered and disposed of according to law.

2 Section 13. The University of Alaska shall

3 be governed by a board of regents. The regents

4 shall be nominated and appointed by the governor,

5 subject to confirmation by a majority of the mem-

6 bers of the legislature in joint session. The

7 board shall, in accordance with law, formulate

8 policy and appoint the president of the university,

9 He shall be the executive officer of the board.