Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

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AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14 be amended as follows:

That in Section 3, line 18 following the comma after the word "areas" add the following:

"May give consideration to local government boundaries."
Amendment No. ______

Constitutional Convention

By Committee Number Six

Date__________________________

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. ______

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14 be amended as follows:

(2)

That in Section 2, lines 5-6 at page 2 the following words be stricken—

"adjoining it having the least civilian population"

and insert the following—

"within its senate district"
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14 be amended as follows:

That section 5 at line 21, page 4, following the comma after the word "redistricting" add:

"giving explanation for all changes from the Board's plan,"
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO.______

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14 be amended as follows:

Section 5

Add the following after the words "with at least one from each Senate District."

Adopted by voice vote.
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO._____

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. ____ be amended as follows:

Line 2, page 5, change word "Supreme" to "Superior". Page 5, Section 5, add new paragraphs as follows:

"The Supreme Court, on appeal, shall review the said cause upon the law and the facts..."
AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 3 be amended as follows:

Strike "No. of District" and insert in lieu thereof: "Name of District."

Change Roman numerals to names as follows:

I - Southeastern
II - South Central
IV - Central
II - Northwestern

Pre-number election districts to follow above in numerical order.

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[Handwritten note: adopted]
Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

SCHEDULE
Election Districts

Section 1. As provided in Section 1, Article___, until the first reapportionment provided for by Section 2 of said Article, the election districts and the number of members to be elected from each shall be as follows:

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Constitutional Convention
January 12, 1956

AMENDMENTS OF PROPOSAL NO. 14

Proposed by Committee on Election, Suffrage, and Apportionment

1. Add at the end of Section 2, line 20, page 2 of Committee Proposal 14, the following:

"Provided that the districts from which Senators at large are elected may be modified to take account of changes in election districts, but retaining the total number of Senators assigned herein to each such district, and the approximate perimeter of each such district."

2. Delete in Section 2, line 8 at page 2 of the Committee Proposal the words "by the creation of two or more new districts from within the larger geographic socio-economic areas of the State, or, " and also delete the first word in line 11 "otherwise".

3. Change in the Schedule of Election Districts (Section 1) District "20, the name "Noatak" to "Barrow".

Included as part of Proposal 14 — not as an amendment.
Hon. William A. Egan  
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention  

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment submits the attached proposal for an apportionment article. The article covers the following subjects:

1. A bicameral legislative body.

2. A House of Representatives composed of 40 members chosen from 24 Election districts determined by socio-economic principles of apportionment.

3. A Senate composed of 20 members chosen from Senate districts comprising certain election districts in socio-economic areas of Alaska.


5. The Governor's Advisory Reapportionment and Redistricting Board with provisions for mandamus to compel action in keeping with constitutional rules should they be disregarded.


Committee Proposal No. 14
COMPARISON WITH PRIOR LEGISLATIVE BODIES

After careful study of the composition of the legislature since the first body was created in 1913 and of the composition of the present constitutional convention it was apparent that the composition of the Territorial Legislature left much to be desired from a representative standpoint. The 1955 constitutional convention plan was believed to be a basis for a truly representative Alaska legislature and hence was carefully studied and criticized from the viewpoint of population and of the composition of its units, the election-recording districts.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASIS FOR DISTRICTS

On the basis of the 1950 population, as shown by the 1950 decennial census, and with scientific estimates of 1955 population, based on school population, the Committee, with the assistance of economist George Rogers, determined that there should be 24 election districts in the State for the first State election. These districts are economic units of the Territory and may be compared in a sense to the Swiss cantons. Their boundaries are watersheds wherever possible; waterways and steamship routes are not used as boundaries, but are considered as highways piercing valleys.

METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTIONS

The method of apportionment known as the method of equal proportions was next considered. This method is regarded as the fairest method of allotting representatives in accordance with population. It is used by the United States Congress in the
apportionment of the United States House of Representatives following each decennial census and was evolved after long and careful study over many years. It is used in at least two states.

ELECTION DISTRICT PLAN

From the study of the method of equal proportions and the election districts composed of the various economic areas of the Territory it became apparent that the composition of the House should be 40. This figure would assure representation of each area (election district) in the House under 1950 population figures and give fair representation to all districts in proportion to their population; this number of representatives was also believed to be wieldy and workable. It was further determined to fix and insure one representative to each election district and constitutional language was drawn to accomplish this end. However, should population decline below a fixed minimum in any district, provision was made for the consolidation of the district with its neighbor; conversely, should the population of a single-member district increase beyond a fixed number and should it consist of a separate economic area and should the remaining area meet the constitutional standards, a new district will be created by the Governor upon the advice of the reapportionment-redistricting board.

The election districts and the representation of each based on the 1950 decennial census are as follows (a schedule will be made up giving detailed boundaries, following the holiday recess), to wit:-
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**SENATE STUDIES AND COMPOSITION**

Whereas, in the composition of the House of Representatives, stress was placed upon civilian population with minor consideration of area (in that election districts are assured of representation by at least one representative), in the composition of the Senate stress was placed upon area with minor stress upon socio-economic areas.

Four Senate Districts were chosen. They are made up of groups of election districts; their boundaries roughly parallel the present judicial divisions.

One of the guiding principles used to determine Senate composition was the principle that the non-urban areas should be assured of Senate representation. This was achieved by dividing the Senate into
two groups. First two Senators will be chosen from four economic areas of Alaska, namely the Southeastern forest-fishing sector, the Southwestern fishing-defense sector; the Great River basin sector with its mining-trapping-defense economy, and the Arctic coastal sector with its mining-trapping-defense economy.

Election districts 1 to 6, incl. comprise Senate District I
   " " 17 to 20, incl. " " II
   " " 7 to 14, incl. " " III
   " " 15, 16 & 21 to 24 incl." " IV

Each Senate district has two Senators who will be elected at large in the respective districts.

In addition, districts I and IV will have 3 Senators each; Senate district III, 4 Senators and Senate district II will have 2 Senators chosen from combinations of two successively numbered election districts.

Thus the total membership of the Senate is 20.

The following schedule shows the Senate composition:

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STAGGERED TERMS FOR SENATORS

As senators will undoubtedly be chosen for four-year terms at general elections held in even-numbered years, (see report of the Committee on the Legislative Branch) a method is presented for staggering terms after the first State election with further provision for staggering, if the first State election is held in an odd-numbered year. The end result is that one-half the Senators will be up for election at each general election following the first State election.

REAPPORPTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING BOARD

The committee proposes that the matter of reapportionment and redistricting be primarily an executive function. It proposes a five-man advisory and nonpartisan board, representative of the economic areas of the State, to submit a reapportionment or redistricting plan to the Governor following the release of the official United States decennial census. The Governor must, by proclamation, reapportion or redistrict within three months after the submission of the board plan. The board can engage experts. The United States census performs this task for other states through its experts, and this service will be available.

If the Governor fails to perform the assigned duty or fails to follow constitutional provisions, mandamus in the State Supreme Court will be available to force his actions.

Alaskan United States Senators and the first Alaskan Congressman must of necessity be chosen at large in accordance with the federal constitution.
CONCLUSION

The above outlines committee thought in general.

Following the holiday recess, schedules showing population of election districts and their precise boundaries and maps will be furnished the delegates with further detailed explanation. Convention necessities and time limitations have made it impossible to submit these schedules earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Hellenthal, Chairman
George D. Cooper
Douglas Gray
John B. Coghill
M. R. Marston
Frank Peratrovich
M. J. Walsh
Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

Introduced by Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

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

## Composition of House

The House of Representatives shall be composed of forty members elected by the qualified voters of the respective election districts. Until the first and subsequent reapportionments, the election districts and the number of representatives to be elected from each at the first State election shall be as set forth in the schedule in Article ______

## Apportionment of House

Immediately following the official reporting of the 1960 census of the United States, or the first regular legislative session of the State of Alaska if it occurs thereafter, and after every subsequent census, the Governor shall reapportion the House of Representatives according to civilian population as reported by the census within each election district. Reapportionment shall be by the method known as the method of equal proportions except that each election district having the major fraction of the quotient obtained by dividing total civilian
Composition of Senate

population by forty shall have one representative.

Should the total civilian population within any

election district fall below one-half of the quotient,
such election district shall be attached to the
election district adjoining it having the least
civilian population and the reapportionment shall
be determined for the new district as provided above.
The Governor may further redistrict by the creation
of two or more new districts from within the larger
geographic socio-economic areas of the State, or by
otherwise changing the size and areas of districts,
subject to the following limitations: the new
election districts so created shall be formed of
contiguous and compact territory, shall contain a
population at least equal to the quotient obtained
by dividing the total civilian population by forty,
shall contain as nearly as practicable relatively
integrated socio-economic areas, and shall use
drainage and other geographic features in describing
boundaries wherever possible.

Section 3. The Senate shall be composed of twenty
members elected by the qualified voters of the
respective senatorial districts. The senatorial
districts shall be as set forth in the schedule in

Article
AMENDMENTS OF PROPOSAL NO. 14

Proposed by Committee on Election, Suffrage, and Apportionment

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3. Change in the Schedule of Election Districts (Section 1) District "20, the name "Noatak" to "Barrow".

Included as part of Committee Proposal 14. - Journal, January 12, 1956
Section 4. The members of the Legislature shall be elected at general elections in even-numbered years.

The term of office of members of the Senate shall be four years; one-half the senators shall be elected every two years. The term of office of members of the House of Representatives shall be two years.

(See Transitory Provisions below for method of accomplishing this result in both houses.)

Transitory Provision: (Senate) As to the eight (8) Senators chosen, two from each senatorial district:- At the first election, one from each senatorial district shall be chosen for a two- (2) year term and one from each said district for a four- (4) year term. As to the remaining twelve (12) Senators:- At the first election, one-half the senators from senatorial districts whose total number of senators is even (II & III) shall be chosen for two-year terms, and one-half for four- (4) year terms; in senatorial districts whose total number of senators is odd (I & IV) one shall be chosen for a two- (2) year term and two chosen for four- (4) year terms. If the first State general election is held in an odd-numbered year, one year must be added to the first terms of all senators elected at said first election.
Transitory Provision: (House) If the first State general election is held in an odd-numbered year the term of said representatives shall be three years.

Section 5. There shall be a nonpartisan Board of Reapportionment to consist of five members of the general public, but not public employees or officials, to be appointed by the Governor and act in an advisory capacity to him. Members of the board shall be compensated. They shall elect one of their members chairman, and they may employ such temporary assistants as necessary. The affirmative votes of three members shall be required for a ruling or determination, but a lesser number may conduct hearings or otherwise act for the board.

The Board shall, within ninety days following the official report of each decennial census, submit to the Governor a plan for reapportionment, or redistricting in accordance with the terms of this constitution, and the Governor shall, within ninety days thereafter, issue a proclamation showing the results of such reapportionment or redistricting, which shall be effective for the election of members of the legislature until after the next census certification.
Original jurisdiction is hereby vested in the Supreme Court of the State to be exercised on the application of any voter, made within thirty days of the expiration of either of the two ninety-day periods above specified, to compel by mandamus or otherwise, the Governor to perform the duties above set forth; or within thirty days following his proclamation to compel, by mandamus or otherwise, the correction of any error made in such redistricting or reapportionment. The Supreme Court, on appeal, shall review the said cause upon the law and the facts.