ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Hon. William A. Egan, President
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Dear President Egan:

Your Committee on Style and Drafting herewith presents its
redraft of the Article on Legislative Apportionment 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.

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Senate Districts

2 Section 2. Members of the senate are elected by the qualified voters of the respective senate districts. Senate districts shall be as set forth in Section 2 of Article XV, subject to changes authorized in this article.

Reapportionment of House

3 Section 3. The governor shall reapportion the house of representatives immediately following the official reporting of each decennial census of the United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon civilian population within each election district as reported by the census.
Method

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Section 4. Reapportionment shall be by the method of equal proportions, except that each election district having the major fraction of the quotient obtained by dividing total civilian population by forty shall have one representative.

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Section 7. The Southeastern, Southcentral, Central, and Northwestern senate districts, described in Section 2 of Article XV, may be modified to reflect changes in
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Section 8. The governor shall appoint a reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to him.
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AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14 (Article VI)

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

Correction of the following typographical errors: Section 12, line 21, delete "C", and change "and" to lower case; Section 1, line 6, change "2" to "1"; Section 2, line 9, change "1" to "2".

Section 5, page 2, line 11, after word "in" add "Section 4 of".

Section 6, page 2, line 14, delete the word "section" and substitute the word "article".

Section 9, page 3, line 17, before the word political" insert the word "partisan".

Section 7, lines 23 and 24, page 2, strike "Southeastern, South-central, Central and Northwestern".

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