

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/9/09

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to and**  
2 **increasing the number of members of the house of representatives to forty-eight and the**  
3 **number of members of the senate to twenty-four.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 **Section 1. Legislative Power; Membership.** The legislative power of the  
7 State is vested in a legislature consisting of a senate with a membership of **twenty-**  
8 **four** [TWENTY] and a house of representatives with a membership of **forty-eight**  
9 [FORTY].

10 \* **Sec. 2.** Article VI, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

11 **Section 4. Method of Redistricting.** The Redistricting Board shall establish  
12 **forty-eight** [FORTY] house districts, with each house district to elect one member of  
13 the house of representatives. The board shall establish **twenty-four** [TWENTY] senate  
14 districts, each composed of two house districts, with each senate district to elect one  
15 senator.

1 \* **Sec. 3.** Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

2           **Section 6. District Boundaries.** The Redistricting Board shall establish the  
3 size and area of house districts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each house  
4 district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as  
5 practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area. Each shall contain a  
6 population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the population of  
7 the state by **forty-eight** [FORTY]. Each senate district shall be composed as near as  
8 practicable of two contiguous house districts. Consideration may be given to local  
9 government boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in  
10 describing boundaries wherever possible.

11 \* **Sec. 4.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
12 section to read:

13           **Section 30. Applicability of Amendments Increasing the Number of**  
14 **Members in the Legislature.** The 2010 amendments increasing the number of  
15 members in the legislature (art. II, sec. 1, and art. VI, secs. 4 and 6) apply only to plans  
16 for redistricting and proclamations of redistricting adopted on or after January 1, 2011,  
17 and to the membership of legislatures subject to those redistricting plans and  
18 proclamations.

19 \* **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
20 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
21 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.