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HOUSE BILL NO.

1 IN THE HOUSE

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act calling a Constitutional Convention
7 for the purpose of making a constitution
8 for the State of Alaska, presently the
9 Territory of Alaska; fixing the time and
10 place thereof; defining the number of
11 delegates and providing the manner of
12 their election and the amount of their
13 compensation; making an appropriation for
14 such convention; and providing for the
15 submission of the constitution to the
16 people for their approval."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

18 Section 1. Constitutional Convention. There is hereby
19 called a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of framing
20 and making a Constitution for the State of Alaska, to be sub-
21 mitted to the people for their approval or rejection.

22 Sec. 2. Said Constitutional Convention shall convene on
23 the second Tuesday in January, 1956 at twelve o'clock noon.

24 Sec. 3. Basis of Representation. The basis of representa-
25 tion in said convention shall be double the number as provided
26 by law for representation in the House of Representatives of
27 the Territorial Legislature for the Twenty-second regular ses-
28 sion, and in addition there shall be seven (7) delegates elected
29 at large.

1 Sec. 4. Special election, non-partisan. For the purpose
2 of nominating delegates to said convention, there shall be held
3 a special election throughout the Territory on the _____
4 _____.

5 Any person desiring to be nominated as a non-partisan can-
6 didate as a delegate to said convention shall file his or her
7 application with the Clerk of the District Court in the Division
8 where he or she resides not later than forty (40) days prior to
9 said special election, and the candidates for delegates at large
10 shall likewise make their filing or application with the Secre-
11 tary of Alaska.

12 Candidates declared elected shall be as follows:

- 13 (a) First Division - The twelve (12) candidates on the
14 ballot having the highest number of votes.
15 (b) Second Division - The six (6) candidates on the
16 ballot having the highest number of votes.
17 (c) Third Division - The twenty (20) candidates on the
18 ballot having the highest number of votes.
19 (d) Fourth Division - The ten (10) candidates on the
20 ballot having the highest number of votes.
21 (e) At Large - The seven (7) candidates on the ballot
22 at large having the highest number of votes.

23 Sec. 5. Qualifications of Delegates. No person shall be
24 eligible as a delegate unless he or she be a qualified elector
25 of the Territory of Alaska ~~for a period of eight (8) years~~ and
26 shall have resided in the division which he seeks to represent
27 as such delegate for at least ^{one (1)} ~~five (5)~~ years prior to the time
28 of filing as such candidate, and delegates at large shall have
29 been a qualified elector of the Territory of Alaska for at least

1 ~~eight~~ ^{one (1)} years.

2 Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Alaska,
3 and the Clerks of the District Court in their respective divi-
4 sions to prepare and furnish all ballots, certificates and forms
5 necessary for a primary election within the Territory of Alaska,
6 and the laws applicable to nomination and election of Terri-
7 torial Legislators shall be applicable to said election insofar
8 as the same may not be inconsistent herewith.

9 Sec. 7. Any vacancy to the representation to said Conven-
10 tion shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the
11 advice and consent of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
12 and the President of the Senate for the Twenty-second Legisla-
13 ture.

14 Sec. 8. Delegates; duty. It shall be the duty of the
15 delegates elected as aforesaid to assemble at the capital of
16 Alaska, on the second Tuesday in January 1956 at twelve (12) ✓
17 o'clock noon. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Alaska
18 to call said Convention to order and submit a list of delegates
19 so elected. Said delegates shall take an oath to support the
20 Constitution of the United States and to faithfully discharge
21 their duties as delegates. They shall then organize by electing
22 one of their members as President and selecting such other offi-
23 cers and employees as may be needed in the transaction of busi-
24 ness. A majority of the delegates authorized by this Act shall
25 constitute a quorum and a majority of those elected to and con-
26 stituting the Convention shall be necessary to an election or to
27 the adoption of any measure. The Convention shall be the judge
28 of the election and qualification of its members.
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The Convention shall be in session and the delegates perform

1 their duties in a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the
2 date of the convening of such convention; and shall adopt rules
3 for the governance of its proceedings.

4 Sec. 9. Compensation. The delegates to said Convention
5 shall receive the same mileage given members of the Legislature
6 and Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars, per day, for each day the Con-
7 vention is in session, and in addition the delegates shall re-
8 ceive Five (\$5.00) Dollars per day for expenses to be evidenced
9 by receipts for money expended therefor.

10 Sec. 10. Payment of claims; appropriation. The per diem,
11 mileage and expenses of the delegates and the expenses of the
12 Convention shall be paid by the Auditor of the Territory of
13 Alaska drawn upon an appropriation made for that purpose upon
14 vouchers signed by the President and Secretary of said Conven-
15 tion.

16 There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of
17 the Territory of Alaska, the sum of \$200,000.00 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary to defray the costs of said Conven-
19 tion and the elections named herein.

20 Sec. 11. Constitution submitted to electors. The Consti-
21 tution as framed and proposed by the Convention herein provided
22 for shall be submitted to the electors of the Territory for
23 adoption or rejection at an election to be held on a day to be
24 designated by the Convention, said date to be not less than
25 sixty (60) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days
26 from the date of adjournment of said Convention. Said election
27 shall be held in the several voting precincts throughout the
28 Territory.

29 The Governor of this Territory shall within ten (10) days

1 after the designation of the date of said election, by said Con-
2 vention, issue his proclamation ordering such special election
3 throughout the Territory.

4 As far as they are applicable and not inconsistent herewith,
5 the general election laws of this Territory shall apply to said
6 special election. Returns shall be made in the same manner as
7 Territorial general elections and the same canvassed and the
8 results declared by the Territorial canvassing board and certi-
9 fied to the Governor, who shall thereupon issue his proclamation
10 declaring the result of said election.

11 Sec. 12. Form; ratification. The form of submission on
12 the ballot, of the Constitution to the people shall be substan-
13 tially as follows:

14 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Alaska be adopted?
15 () Yes
16 () No"

17 Sec. 13. The Constitution shall be declared ratified by
18 the Governor of Alaska if it receives a ~~2/3~~ majority of all
19 votes cast at said election therefor.
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