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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

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

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

Section 1. Constitutional Convention. There is hereby called a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of framing and making a Constitution for the State of Alaska, to be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection.

Section 2. Said Constitutional Convention shall convene on the second Tuesday in January, 1958 at twelve o'clock noon.

Section 3. Ratio of Representation. The basis of representation in said convention shall be double the number as provided by law for representation in the House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature for the Twenty-second regular session, and in addition there shall be seven (7) delegates elected at large.

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

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

Candidates declared elected shall be as follows:

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

Section 5. Qualifications of Delegates. No person shall be eligible as a delegate unless he or she be a qualified elector of the Territory of Alaska and shall have resided in the division which he seeks to represent as such delegate for at least one (1) year prior to the time of filing as such candidate, and delegates at large shall have been a qualified elector of the Territory of Alaska for at least one (1) year.

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

8 Section 7. Any vacancy to the representation to said
9 Convention shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with
10 the advice and consent of the Speaker of the House of Represent-
11 atives and the President of the Senate for the Twenty-second
12 Legislature.

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

28 The Convention shall be in session and the delegates perform
29 their duties in a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the

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date of the convening of such convention; and shall adopt rules for the governance of its proceedings.

Section 9. Compensation. The delegates to said Convention shall receive the same mileage given members of the Legislature and Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars, per day, for each day the Convention is in session, and in addition the delegates shall receive Five (\$5.00) Dollars per day for expenses to be evidenced by receipts for money expended therefor.

Section 10. Payment of claims; appropriation. The per diem mileage and expenses of the delegates and the expenses of the Convention shall be paid by the Auditor of the Territory of Alaska drawn upon an appropriation made for that purpose upon vouchers signed by the President and Secretary of said Convention.

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

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

The Governor of this Territory shall within ten (10) days after the designation of the date of said election, by said Convention, issue his proclamation ordering such special election throughout the Territory.

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

Section 18. Form; ratification. The form of submission on the ballot, of the Constitution to the people shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Alaska be adopted?"

() Yes

() No*

Section 19. The Constitution shall be declared ratified by the Governor of Alaska if it receives a majority of all votes cast at said election therefor.

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