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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. KENDALL

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act calling and making provision for a constitutional convention."

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

Section 1. A state constitutional convention with plenary powers shall assemble at the capital in 1962 in accordance with the schedule set forth in this Act. The convention shall assemble and complete its business within 30 days. Within 40 days from the date certification of the election of all delegates is made, the delegates shall meet at the convention site on the call of the governor for no more than five days to organize for business and make other necessary arrangements. The convention shall then recess for 30 days and reassemble and deliberate for the balance of its authorized time.

Sec. 2. A delegate to the convention shall be at least 30 years of age at the time of filing for election as delegate, a continuous resident of Alaska for at least five years, and not be an incumbent in or a candidate for any other elective state, municipal or school district office.

Sec. 3. The convention shall consist of 62 delegates, 60 of whom shall be elected from the same districts and on the same basis as the 60 members of the state legislature according to the reapportionment plan adopted in 1961. Two delegates shall be elected at-large. The total number of delegates reflects the total number of elective positions in the state government.

1 Sec. 4. Candidates for election as delegates shall file
2 from their respective districts at the same time candidates for
3 the legislature file and in accordance with the provisions of the
4 Alaska Election Code as modified by this Act or implemented by
5 the secretary of state for this special purpose. The election of
6 delegates to the convention shall be made at a special election
7 held concurrently with the primary nominations held in August of
8 1962 under the Alaska Education Code. Candidates for delegate
9 positions shall be listed without party designation on a physi-
10 cally separate ballot. In the event a delegate resigns, dies, or
11 becomes physically or mentally incapacitated, the latter upon
12 certification of his condition by the state Board of Medical
13 Examiners, or removes himself from the state, the remaining
14 delegates from his district shall select a replacement. If the
15 vacancy occurs in a single-member district, the delegation from
16 the encompassing senate election district shall fill the vacancy.

17 Sec. 5. Delegates to the convention are entitled to receive
18 the same travel allowance and per diem provided for members of -
19 the legislature.

20 Sec. 6. The governor shall make all necessary preparations
21 for the convening of the convention and shall preside until
22 temporary officers are elected. The president and vice president
23 of the convention shall be delegates to the convention. The con-
24 vention shall elect a convention secretary and a chief clerk from
25 beyond its membership. The secretary shall be responsible for
26 the general administrative and professional services required by
27 the convention. The chief clerk serves as recording secretary
28 and is responsible for clerical services. All executive and
29 legislative agencies of the state government shall cooperate with

1 officers and delegates of the convention in the accomplishment of
2 its work.

3 Sec. 7. The convention shall certify the completion of its
4 work to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall
5 have the proposed constitution and summary thereof printed and
6 distributed throughout the state. He shall place the proposition
7 of ratifying or rejecting the proposed constitution on a separate
8 ballot for a decision by the voters of the state in the first
9 statewide election held more than 120 days after the adjournment
10 of the convention. A majority vote of those voting is required
11 for ratification.

12 Sec. 8. Appropriations necessary to the calling and holding
13 of the convention provided for in this Act and the extra expenses
14 incidental to the attendant elections and printing of the pro-
15 posed constitution shall be set forth as a line item in the
16 appropriation made to the Office of the Governor in the general
17 appropriation bill approved by the legislature at its regular
18 session in 1962. The appropriation shall be made on the basis of
19 an estimate of costs submitted by the governor. Funds allotted
20 to the convention shall be disbursed and certified by the presi-
21 dent of the convention for such supplies, personnel and contrac-
22 tual services as the convention may deem necessary within the
23 limits of the appropriation made for that purpose.

24 Sec. 9. The effective date of the proposed constitution, if
25 ratified by the people, shall be set forth in the constitution.
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