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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 88

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 \* Section 1. A state constitutional convention with plenary  
10 powers shall assemble at the capital in 1964 in accordance with  
11 the schedule set forth in this Act. The convention shall assemble  
12 and complete its business within 30 days. Within 40 days from the  
13 date of certification of the election of all delegates, the dele-  
14 gates shall meet at the convention site at the call of the  
15 governor for no more than five days to organize for business and  
16 make other necessary administrative arrangements. The convention  
17 shall then recess for 30 days and then reassemble and deliberate  
18 for the balance of its authorized time.

19 \* Sec. 2. At the time he files for election as a delegate, a  
20 candidate must be at least 30 years of age, a continuous resident  
21 of Alaska for at least five years, and not be an incumbent in or  
22 a candidate for any other elective state, political subdivision  
23 or school board office.

24 \* Sec. 3. The convention shall have 62 delegates, 60 of whom  
25 shall be elected from the same districts and on the same basis as  
26 the members of the state legislature. Two delegates shall be  
27 elected from the state at large.

28 \* Sec. 4. Candidates for election as delegates shall file from  
29 their respective districts without party designation at the same  
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1 time candidates for the legislature file and in accordance with  
2 the state election code as modified by this Act and implemented  
3 by the secretary of state for this special purpose. The election  
4 of delegates to the convention shall be made at a special election  
5 held concurrently with the primary nomination held in August of  
6 1964. A physically separate ballot shall be used for the election  
7 of delegates. In the event that a delegate resigns, dies, or be-  
8 comes physically or mentally incapacitated for service, the  
9 latter to be determined by the state board of medical examiners,  
10 or removes himself from the state, the remaining delegates from  
11 his district shall select a replacement. If the vacancy occurs in  
12 a single-member district, the delegates from the encompassing  
13 senate at-large district shall fill the vacancy from a qualified  
14 resident of the district incurring the vacancy.

15 \* Sec. 5. Delegates to the convention are entitled to receive  
16 the same transportation and per diem allowances received by  
17 members of state boards under general law.

18 \* Sec. 6. The legislative council shall make all necessary  
19 preparations for the convening of the convention and the council  
20 staff shall serve as the basic secretariat for the convention.  
21 The governor shall convene and preside over the convention until  
22 the convention has elected from its membership a temporary presid-  
23 ing officer. The president and the vice president of the conven-  
24 tion shall be delegates. All executive, legislative, and judicial  
25 agencies of the state shall cooperate with the convention in the  
26 accomplishment of its work.

27 \* Sec. 7. The convention shall certify the completion of its  
28 work to the secretary of state who shall then have the proposed  
29 constitution and a summary thereof printed and distributed

1 throughout the state. He shall prepare the proposition for rati-  
2 fying or rejecting the proposed constitution and place it on the  
3 ballot for the next statewide election occurring more than 120  
4 days after the adjournment of the convention. A majority vote in  
5 the affirmative of those voting is required for ratification. If  
6 the proposed constitution is ratified it becomes effective 90 days  
7 after ratification.

8 \* Sec. 8. Appropriations necessary to the calling of the con-  
9 vention, holding of a special election, and the printing of the  
10 proposed constitution shall be made to the Office of the Governor.  
11 The legislative council shall budget for and request an appropri-  
12 ation for the operating expenses of the convention for travel,  
13 per diem, personnel services, commodities and contractual services.  
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