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LEGISLATURE

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. STEVENS, BOARDMAN,  
2 HOUSE BILL NO. 54 BRADY, HAUGEN, KENDALL, MOSES,  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA STRANDBERG, TILLION AND WOLD  
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making provision for a constitutional  
7 convention; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. A constitutional convention shall be called by  
11 the secretary of state under provisions of this Act to meet on  
12 the campus of the University of Alaska at College for not more  
13 than 30 days during 1965. The secretary of state shall issue the  
14 regulations necessary to provide for the filing, election and  
15 certification of delegates, the printing of the proposed consti-  
16 tution, and the ratification of the proposed constitution in  
17 conformity with the provisions of this Act.

18 \* Sec. 2. DELEGATES. A person is qualified to file for  
19 delegate to the convention if he possesses the qualifications to  
20 vote in a state election and will have been a resident of the  
21 state for at least three years preceding the date for the con-  
22 vening of the convention provided for in the call of the secretary  
23 of state, except that a person holding a full-time elective or  
24 appointive position with the state or federal government may not  
25 file or serve as a delegate.

26 \* Sec. 3. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. The convention has 65  
27 delegates. Fifty delegates shall be elected from the 19 election  
28 districts on the same basis as the members of the house of repre-  
29 sentatives are now elected. Ten delegates shall be elected from

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1 the four present at-large senatorial districts according to the  
2 following schedule: Senate District A - two delegates; Senate  
3 District E - five delegates; Senate District J - two delegates;  
4 and Senate District N - one delegate. Five delegates are elected  
5 from the state at large.

6 \* Sec. 4. PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION. Each delegate receives  
7 a state transportation request form entitling him to a ticket  
8 from his place of residence to the convention site and return.  
9 For each day when the convention is in session each delegate  
10 receives a per diem of \$35.

11 \* Sec. 5. CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION. The convention shall  
12 elect from its membership a president and a vice president. The  
13 convention shall provide for the hiring of the clerical and pro-  
14 fessional staff necessary to accomplish its business and make  
15 arrangements for commodities and services required within the  
16 limits of the appropriations made for the convention. The gover-  
17 nor shall preside over the convention until it has elected a  
18 temporary presiding officer.

19 \* Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The expenses of the convention and  
20 the elections incident to the convention shall be made in an  
21 appropriation or appropriations to the Office of the Governor to  
22 be expended by the secretary of state except that the administra-  
23 tive expenses of the convention shall be the responsibility of  
24 the president of the convention acting as the certifying officer.

25 \* Sec. 7. CERTIFICATION AND RATIFICATION. The convention has  
26 plenary powers to amend or revise the present constitution and  
27 shall certify the completion of its work to the secretary of  
28 state. The secretary of state shall have the proposed constitu-  
29 tion or amendments printed and distributed without charge

1 throughout the state. At the next statewide election held more  
2 than 120 days after the adjournment of the convention the secre-  
3 tary of state shall place each article of the proposed or amended  
4 constitution as a separate item on a special ratification ballot.  
5 The voters shall vote on each article separately. An amendment  
6 ratified by a majority of those voting becomes effective 30 days  
7 after the certification of the election returns by the secretary  
8 of state.

9 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
10 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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