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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the reapportionment of  
6 the Legislature of the State of  
7 Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the reapportionment proclamation of Governor William  
10 A. Egan was promulgated reluctantly on the advice of counsel, as  
11 the Governor noted in his 1966 address to the Legislature on the  
12 state of the State; and

13 WHEREAS the 1955-1956 constitutional convention recognized  
14 that Alaska's vast land mass area, cultural diversity, sparsely  
15 populated regions of economic deprivation and hardship, as well as  
16 the need to develop Alaska's natural resources throughout the state  
17 and not merely in the densely populated areas, demand particular  
18 care and attention which require that every geographical region be  
19 heard in both houses of the Legislature; and

20 WHEREAS the size of the state and its limited transportation  
21 and communication facilities make urban legislators especially  
22 reliant upon rural legislators for information, advice and insight  
23 into the problems of the rural, sparsely populated areas; and

24 WHEREAS the Legislature recognizes that a court of competent  
25 jurisdiction may entertain litigation testing the validity of the  
26 Governor's proclamation of reapportionment; and

27 WHEREAS the Legislature is already on record as requesting  
28 the Congress of the United States to propose for ratification by  
29 the legislatures of the several states an amendment to the

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1 federal constitution that would overcome the "one-man, one-vote"  
2 rule announced by the Supreme Court of the United States and  
3 permit one house of a state legislature to be apportioned on a  
4 basis other than population; and

5 WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska has memorial-  
6 ized the Alaska delegation in Congress to support the requested  
7 constitutional change;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska  
9 reiterates its previously announced position and respectfully re-  
10 quests that a court of competent jurisdiction which entertains  
11 reapportionment litigation in Alaska consider this resolution, and  
12 take judicial notice hereof, and that the court, in applying  
13 juridical precedents to Alaska, consider the factors mentioned  
14 above and recognize that Alaska's constitution is, in contrast to  
15 the constitutions of other states, a very recent expression of the  
16 desires of the people to assure an adequate voice in government  
17 for sparsely populated areas; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares its concur-  
19 rence in the concept that no apportionment should depart from the  
20 1956 Constitution of the State of Alaska except to the extent  
21 necessitated by authoritative holdings interpreting the Fourteenth  
22 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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