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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 307

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making provision for a constitutional conven-
7 tion; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. A constitutional convention shall be called by the secretary
10 of state under provisions of this Act to meet on the campus of the University
11 of Alaska at College during 1969. The secretary of state shall issue the
12 regulations necessary to provide for the filing, election and certification
13 of delegates, the printing of the proposed constitution, and the ratification
14 of the proposed constitution in conformity with the provisions of this Act.

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

22 * Sec. 3. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. The convention has 65 delegates.
23 Forty delegates shall be elected from the 19 election districts on the same
24 basis as the members of the house of representatives are now elected.
25 Twenty delegates shall be elected from the 11 senatorial districts on the
26 same basis as the members of the senate are now elected. Five delegates
27 shall be elected from the state at large.

28 * Sec. 4. PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION. Each delegate receives a state
29 transportation request form entitling him to a ticket from his place of

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1 residence to the convention site and return. For each day when the convention
2 is in session each delegate receives a per diem of \$35.

3 * Sec. 5. CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION. The convention shall elect from
4 its membership a president and a vice president. The convention shall
5 provide for the hiring of the clerical and professional staff necessary to
6 accomplish its business and make arrangements for commodities and services
7 required within the limits of the appropriations made for the convention.
8 The governor shall preside over the convention until it has elected a
9 temporary presiding officer.

10 * Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The expenses of the convention and the elec-
11 tions incident to the convention shall be made in an appropriation or
12 appropriations to the Office of the Governor to be expended by the secretary
13 of state except that the administrative expenses of the convention shall be
14 the responsibility of the president of the convention acting as the certify-
15 ing officer.

16 * Sec. 7. CERTIFICATION AND RATIFICATION. The convention has plenary
17 powers to amend or revise the present constitution and shall certify the
18 completion of its work to the secretary of state. The secretary of state
19 shall have the proposed constitution or amendments printed and distributed
20 without charge throughout the state. At the next statewide election held more
21 than 120 days after the adjournment of the convention the secretary of state
22 shall place each article of the proposed or amended constitution as a separate
23 item on a special ratification ballot. The voters shall vote on each article
24 separately. An amendment ratified by a majority of those voting becomes
25 effective 30 days after the certification of the election returns by the
26 secretary of state.

27 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
28 or on the day it becomes law without approval.