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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitution
6 of the State of Alaska relating to the
7 election of state senators and to election
8 districts.

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

10 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 2, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
11 amended to read:

12 SECTION 2. MEMBERS' QUALIFICATIONS. A member of the house of
13 representatives [LEGISLATURE] shall be a qualified voter who has been a
14 resident of Alaska for at least three years and of the district from
15 which elected for at least one year, immediately preceding his filing
16 for office. A member of the senate shall be a qualified voter who has
17 been a resident of Alaska for at least three years immediately preceding
18 his filing for office. A member of the senate [SENATOR] shall be at
19 least twenty-five years of age and a member of the house of representa-
20 tives [REPRESENTATIVE] at least twenty-one years of age.

21 * Sec. 2. Article VI, sec. 2, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
22 amended to read:

23 SECTION 2. ELECTION OF SENATORS [SENATE DISTRICTS]. Members of
24 the senate shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the state
25 [RESPECTIVE SENATE DISTRICTS. SENATE DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN
26 SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE XIV, SUBJECT TO CHANGES AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE].

27 * Sec. 3. Article VI, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
28 amended to read:

29 SECTION 5. COMBINING DISTRICTS. Should the total civilian popula-

1 tion within any election district fall below one-half of the quotient,
2 the district shall be attached to an election district within its senate
3 district, and the reapportionment for the new district shall be determined
4 as provided in Section 4 of this article. For purposes of this section,
5 "senate district" means the appropriate senate district from among the
6 constitutionally prescribed senate districts as of January 3, 1959.

7 * Sec. 4. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
8 amended to read:

9 SECTION 8. REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD. The governor shall appoint a
10 reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to him. It shall
11 consist of five members, none of whom may be public employees or offi-
12 cials. At least one member each shall be appointed from the South-
13 eastern, Southcentral, Central, and Northwestern Senate Districts.
14 Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation.
15 Board members shall be compensated. For purposes of this section,
16 "senate districts" means the constitutionally prescribed senate districts
17 as of January 3, 1959.

18 * Sec. 5. Article VI, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska and
19 Article XIV, sec. 2, Constitution of the State of Alaska are repealed.

20 * Sec. 6. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
21 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
22 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election
23 laws of the state.