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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the reapportionment of the

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senate.

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

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* Section 1. Article VI, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 1. ELECTION DISTRICTS. Members of the house of repre-

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sentatives shall be elected by the qualified voters of the [RESPEC-

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TIVE] election districts that are established in the most recent

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reapportionment under this article. [UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT, ELECTION

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DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH

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DISTRICT SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XIV.]

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* Sec. 2. Article VI, sec. 2, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 2. SENATE DISTRICTS. Members of the senate shall be

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elected by the qualified voters of the [RESPECTIVE] senate districts

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that are established in the most recent reapportionment under this

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article. [SENATE DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 OF

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ARTICLE XIV, SUBJECT TO CHANGES AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.]

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* Sec. 3. Article VI, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 3. REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE. The governor

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shall reapportion the house of representatives and the senate immedi-

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ately following the official reporting of each decennial census of the

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United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon civilian popula-

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tion within each election district and senate district as reported by

1 the census.

2 * Sec. 4. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
3 amended to read:

4 SECTION 6. REDISTRICTING. The governor may [FURTHER] redistrict
5 by changing the size and area of election districts and senate dis-
6 tricts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each [NEW]
7 district [SO] created shall be formed of contiguous and compact
8 territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated
9 socio-economic area. Each election district shall contain a
10 population as nearly [AT LEAST] equal as may be possible. Each senate
11 district shall contain a population as nearly equal as may be possible
12 [TO THE QUOTIENT OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL CIVILIAN POPULATION BY
13 FORTY]. Consideration may be given to local government boundaries.
14 Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing
15 boundaries whenever possible.

16 * Sec. 5. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
17 amended to read:

18 SECTION 8. REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD. The governor shall appoint a
19 reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to him. It shall
20 consist of five members, none of whom may be public employees or
21 officials. [AT LEAST ONE MEMBER EACH SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM THE
22 SOUTHEASTERN, SOUTHCENTRAL, CENTRAL AND NORTHWESTERN SENATE DIS-
23 TRICTS.] Appointments shall be made without regard to political
24 affiliation. Board members shall be compensated.

25 * Sec. 6. Article VI, secs. 4, 5, and 7 and Article XIV are repealed.

26 * Sec. 7. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
27 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
28 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
29 tion laws of the state.