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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the reapportionment of the

6 legislature.

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

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

9 amended to read:

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

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

12 TIVE] election districts <u>that are established in the most recent</u>

13 <u>reapportionment under this article. Each member of the house of</u>

14 <u>representatives shall be elected from a single member district</u>.

15 [UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT, ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESEN-

16 TATIVES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN

17 SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XIV.]

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

19 amended to read:

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

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

22 <u>that are established in the most recent reapportionment under this</u>

23 <u>article. Each senate district shall be composed of two election</u>

24 <u>districts established under sec. 1 of this article</u>. [SENATE DISTRICTS

25 SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE XIV, SUBJECT TO CHANGES

26 AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.]

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

28 amended to read:

29 SECTION 3. REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE <u>AND SENATE</u>. The governor

1 shall reapportion the house of representatives and the senate immedi-
2 ately following the official reporting of each decennial census of the
3 United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon the best available
4 evidence of the resident [CIVILIAN] population within each election
5 district and senate district [AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS].
6 * Sec. 4. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
7 amended to read:
8 SECTION 6. REDISTRICTING. The governor may [FURTHER] redistrict
9 by changing the size and area of election districts and senate dis-
10 tricts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each [NEW] dis-
11 trict [SO] created shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory
12 containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-eco-
13 nomic area. [EACH SHALL CONTAIN A POPULATION AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE
14 QUOTIENT OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL CIVILIAN POPULATION BY FORTY].
15 Consideration may be given to local government boundaries. Drainage
16 and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries
17 whenever possible.
18 * Sec. 5. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
19 amended by adding a new subsection to read:
20 (b) Each election district shall contain a population as nearly
21 equal as possible. Each senate district shall contain a population as
22 nearly equal as possible. In no case shall the absolute value of the
23 total percentage deviations of all districts of a house divided by the
24 number of districts exceed one percent. In no case shall a single
25 district have a population which varies from the average population of
26 all districts of that house by more than three percent.
27 * Sec. 6. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
28 amended to read:
29 SECTION 8. REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD. The governor shall appoint a

1 reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to him. It shall
2 consist of five members, none of whom may be public employees or
3 officials. At least one member each shall be appointed from the
4 Southeastern, Southcentral, Central and Northwestern regions of the
5 state [SENATE DISTRICTS]. Appointments shall be made without regard
6 to political affiliation. Board members shall be compensated.
7 * Sec. 7. Article VI, secs. 4, 5, and 7 and Article XIV are repealed.
8 * Sec. 8. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
9 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
10 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
11 tion laws of the state.