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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-

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tion of the State of Alaska relating to

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the reapportionment of the legislature.

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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,

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is amended to read:

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SECTION 1. HOUSE [ELECTION] DISTRICTS. Members of the house of

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representatives shall be elected by the qualified voters of the house

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[RESPECTIVE ELECTION] districts that are established in the most

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recent reapportionment under this article. [UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT,

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ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED

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FROM EACH 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

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immediately following the official reporting of each decennial census

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of the United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon the resi-

1        dent [CIVILIAN] population within each house [ELECTION] district and  
2        senate district as reported by the census.

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

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

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

19                SECTION 8. REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD. The governor shall appoint a  
20 reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to the governor  
21 [HIM]. It shall consist of five members, none of whom may be public  
22 employees or officials. At least one member each shall be appointed  
23 from the Southeastern, Southcentral, Central, and Northwestern regions  
24 of the state [SENATE DISTRICTS]. Appointments shall be made without  
25 regard to political affiliation. Board members shall be compensated.

26        \* Sec. 6. Article VI, secs. 4, 5, and 7 and art. XIV are repealed.

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

1 tion laws of the state.