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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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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-
tion of the State of Alaska relating to
the reapportionment of the legislature
and repealing obsolete provisions of the
Constitution.

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

11 * Section 1. Article VI, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska,
12 is amended to read:

13 SECTION 1. HOUSE [ELECTION] DISTRICTS. Members of the house of
14 representatives shall be elected by the qualified voters of the house
15 [RESPECTIVE ELECTION] districts that are established in the most
16 recent reapportionment under this article. [UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT,
17 ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED
18 FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XIV.]

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

21 SECTION 2. SENATE DISTRICTS. Members of the senate shall be
22 elected by the qualified voters of the [RESPECTIVE] senate districts
23 that are established in the most recent reapportionment under this
24 article. [SENATE DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 OF
25 ARTICLE XIV, SUBJECT TO CHANGES AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.]

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

28 SECTION 3. REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE. The governor
29 shall reapportion the house of representatives and the senate

1 immediately following the official reporting of each decennial census
2 of the United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon the resi-
3 dent [CIVILIAN] population within each house [ELECTION] district and
4 senate district [AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS].

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

7 SECTION 6. REDISTRICTING. The governor may further redistrict
8 by changing the size and area of house [ELECTION] districts and senate
9 districts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each house
10 district and each senate district shall be a single-member district.
11 Each [NEW] district [SO] created shall be formed of contiguous and
12 compact territory [CONTAINING AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE A RELATIVELY
13 INTEGRATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC AREA]. Each house district shall contain a
14 population as nearly equal as possible. Each senate district shall
15 contain a population as nearly equal as possible [AT LEAST EQUAL TO
16 THE QUOTIENT OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL CIVILIAN POPULATION BY
17 FORTY]. Consideration may be given to local government boundaries and
18 to relatively integrated socio-economic areas. Drainage and other
19 geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries wherever
20 possible.

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

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

1 * Sec. 6. Article VI, secs. 4, 5, 7; art. XIV; art. XV, secs. 4, 6, 7,
2 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 28 are
3 repealed.

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