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IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Proposing amendments to the Constitution
of the State of Alaska relating to the
reapportionment of the legislature.

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

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

SECTION 1. ELECTION DISTRICTS. Members of the house of repre-
sentatives shall be elected by the qualified voters of the [RESPEC-
TIVE] election districts that are established in the most recent
reapportionment under this article. Each member of the house of
representatives shall be elected from a single member district.
[UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT, ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESENT-
TIVES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN
SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XIV.]

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

SECTION 2. SENATE DISTRICTS. Members of the senate shall be
elected by the qualified voters of the [RESPECTIVE] senate districts
that are established in the most recent reapportionment under this
article. Each senate district shall be composed of two election
districts established under sec. 1 of this article. [SENATE DISTRICTS
SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE XIV, SUBJECT TO CHANGES
AUTHORIZED IN THIS ARTICLE.]

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

1 SECTION 3. REAPPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE. The governor
2 shall reapportion the house of representatives and the senate immedi-
3 ately following the official reporting of each decennial census of the
4 United States. Reapportionment shall be based upon the best available
5 evidence of the resident [CIVILIAN] population within each election
6 district and senate district [AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS].

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

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

19 * Sec. 5. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is
20 amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (b) Each election district shall contain a population as nearly
22 equal as possible. Each senate district shall contain a population as
23 nearly equal as possible. In no case shall the absolute value of the
24 total percentage deviations of all districts of a house divided by the
25 number of districts exceed two percent. In no case shall a single
26 district have a population which varies from the average population of
27 all districts of that house by more than five percent.

28 * Sec. 6. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is
29 amended to read:

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

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

* Sec. 8. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.