

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER**

**Introduced: 2/1/93**

**Referred: Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**  
2 **membership of the legislature.**

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

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

5           SECTION 01. LEGISLATIVE POWER; MEMBERSHIP. The legislative  
6 power of the State is vested in a legislature consisting of a senate with a membership  
7 of twenty-five [TWENTY] and a house of representatives with a membership of fifty  
8 [FORTY].

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

10           SECTION 04. METHOD. Reapportionment shall be by the method of equal  
11 proportions, except that each election district having the major fraction of the quotient  
12 obtained by dividing total civilian population by fifty [FORTY] shall have one  
13 representative.

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

15           SECTION 06. REDISTRICTING. The governor may further redistrict by  
16 changing the size and area of election districts, subject to the limitations of this article.

1 Each new district so created shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory  
2 containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area. Each  
3 shall contain a population at least equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the total  
4 civilian population by fifty [FORTY]. Consideration may be given to local  
5 government boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in  
6 describing boundaries wherever possible.

7 \* Sec. 4. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
8 section to read:

9 SECTION 29. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT: MEMBERSHIP OF  
10 LEGISLATURE. The 1994 amendments to Article II, Section 1 and Article VI,  
11 Sections 4 and 6, increasing the membership in the legislature apply during the  
12 Twentieth Session of the Alaska State Legislature and thereafter. Before July 1, 1995,  
13 the governor shall reapportion the legislature to comply with the 1994 amendments.

14 \* Sec. 5. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
15 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
16 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.