

HJR

33

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

3/22

(7)

Date Referred: March 3, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS: JUDICIARY

Date of Committee Action: _____

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

[EFD OF LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT]

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with _____ the same title
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- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact Div of Elections fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note _____ zero fiscal note(s) _____
- zero with analysis _____ zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING: (Check approp. column)

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
<u>David Donley</u> DONLEY			
<u>Gene Menard</u> MENARD		✓	
<u>Chad Spohnholz</u> SPOHNHOLZ			
<u>Jim Zawacki</u> ZAWACKI		✓	
<u>Bob Boucher</u> BOUCHER			

W.A. Boucher

Chairman's signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 12-8-89
Title: Election of legislators under a plan of reapportionment
Sponsor: State Affairs Committee
Requestor: State Affairs Committee

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
BRU: Division of Elections
Components: II Elections
Primary & General Elections

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

* Costs included cover 2 to 3 pages in each Official Elections Pamphlet, for printing and typesetting, and costs estimated to cover computer programming requirements for vote counting purposes. (Continued)

Prepared by: Linda Edgeworth Phone: 465-4611
Division: Division of Elections Date: 12/8/89

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] (Acting) Date: 12-11-89
Agency: Division of Elections

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Under these circumstances the fiscal note would be:

53.4

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

RECAP OF
HJR 33

EFD of Legislative Reapportionment

Received March 3, 1989
by The State Affairs Committee

Heard March 21, 1989

Passed Out of Committee March 21, 1989
5 Do Pass
2 No Recommendation

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SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:
(Check approp. column)

Donald Duley
Grant Markham
Carl Jones
Jim Boudreau
P. C. Boudreau

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
<u>Alvin Kesteven</u>		✓	
<u>Eden S. Whelan</u>		✓	

P. C. Boudreau

Chairman's signature

Item 2

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 3-16-89
Title: Election of legislators under a plan of reapportionment
Sponsor: State Affairs Committee
Requestor: State Affairs Committee

Agency Affected: Office of the Governor
BRU: Division of Elections
Components: II-Elections
Primary & General Elections

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	2.2*	-0-	-0-	-0-

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PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Prepared by: Linda Edgeworth Phone: 465-4611
Division: Elections Date: _____
Approved by Commissioner: *Sandra Stovel* Date: 3/16/89
Agency: Division of Elections

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Item 3

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE DONLEY

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March 13, 1989

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, House State Affairs Committee

FR: Representative Dave Donley 

RE: Reapportionment Legislation

Every decade following a national census, the process of reapportionment of election districts begins.

The federal Census Bureau is required to give the census data to each state between January 1, 1991 and April 1, 1991. In the past, Alaska has received the data sometime in March. The Alaska Constitution requires the Reapportionment Board to make recommendations to the Governor within 90 days after receiving the census data, with the Governor being required to make a decision within 90 days of receiving the Reapportionment Board's recommendations.

As a practical matter, reapportionment under current law will actually take place around October 1991. June 1 is the deadline for the one year "district residency" requirement for seeking office. As a result of this overlapping time frame, any Governor has the power to gerrymander the election district boundaries and place an individual into what is substantially a different district with an unfamiliar or even hostile constituency. Obviously, this can eliminate them as a real contender in the ensuing election to represent the "new" district.

I believe the solution is simple. We should change the date for reapportionment to fall no later than February 1 of the odd-numbered year preceding the election year. This would allow candidates enough time to move and meet the residency requirements. Accordingly, the incentive for gerrymandering would be significantly reduced. This legislation is not intended to give one party an edge, it's just good public policy.

To further depoliticize this change I recommend that this legislation is implemented in the year 2000. The Alaska Supreme Court has determined our current apportionment status to be unconstitutional and it is not my desire to extend the existence of the currently unconstitutional apportionment.

Waiting until the year 2000 to put this apportionment reform in place may seem like a long time but constitutions are long-term documents. Passing this legislation now is good public policy for the future.