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# Alaska State Legislature



Senator Hollis French

## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### **SJR 19 – Constitutional Amendment: Redistricting Board**

Senate Joint Resolution 19 would amend Article VI, Section 8 of the Alaska Constitution, pertaining to the Redistricting Board. This constitutional amendment would transform both the selection process and the composition of the Redistricting Board. The current selection process has consistently resulted in redistricting plans that favor the political party in power at the time. This does Alaskans a disservice.

Instead of an appointed Redistricting Board, SJR 19 would implement a new process of board members being selected by lottery. It would also increase the number of members from five to fourteen. The Redistricting Board would have equal representation from all political parties, consisting of:

- Five who are registered with the largest political party in the state
- Five who are registered with the second largest political party in the state
- Four members who are not affiliated with either of the two largest political parties in the state

The members of the Board would be selected from a pool established by the Division of Elections. The pool of sixty registered voters would consist of fifteen from each of Alaska's four judicial districts. To qualify for the pool, the individual must have voted in the preceding four general elections in Alaska and must not have changed their political affiliation during that time. The pool would be made up of three subdivisions: one-third would be affiliated with the largest political party in the state based on registration, one-third would be affiliated with the second largest political party, and one-third would be unaffiliated with either of the two largest political parties.

From that pool of sixty, the Division of Elections would use a lottery system to select two board members from each judicial district. The eight members chosen by lottery will then select the remaining six members from the pool established in accordance with composition requirements.

The drawing of legislative district boundaries should be as non-partisan as possible. The composition of the Board is the key to this effort. SJR 19 would ensure that the members of the Redistricting Board draw fair, balanced district boundaries that best serve Alaskans.

# FISCAL NOTE

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**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services	1.5							
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF	1.5						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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Initial version

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**Analysis**

Passage of this resolution would require the constitutional amendment to appear on the 2012 general election ballot. The cost of providing information about the constitutional amendment in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58, is \$1.5. Should the addition of this resolution require printing an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase to \$22.0.

## Redistricting Board

### Alaska Constitution Article VI, Section 8 vs. SJR 19

	Article VI, Section 8	SJR 19
<b>Number of Members</b>	5	14
<b>Residency Requirement</b>	For at least one year	N/A (see prior election participation)
<b>Prior Election Participation</b>	N/A	Voted in the last four general elections in Alaska
<b>Duration of Political Party Affiliation</b>	N/A	Unchanged in last four general elections
<b>Exclusion(s)</b>	No public employees or officials	N/A
<b>Process/Composition</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two by governor</li> <li>• One by presiding officer of Senate</li> <li>• One by presiding officer of House</li> <li>• One by chief justice of the Supreme Court</li> </ul>	<b>SELECTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five from largest political party</li> <li>• Five from second largest political party</li> <li>• Four not affiliated with either of two largest political parties</li> </ul> (8 selected by lottery, 6 selected by board)
<b>Judicial District Requirement</b>	At least one from each judicial district	At least two from each judicial district
<b>Future Candidacy for Legislature</b>	Not in the general election following the adoption of the plan	Not until after next census and another final redistricting plan has been adopted

