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Constitutional Convention
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Hon. William A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your Committee on Style and Drafting herewith presents its redraft of the Article on Legislative Apportionment for consideration by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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roll call*

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

RESOLVED, that the following be agreed upon as part
of the Alaska State Constitution.

ARTICLE VI

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

Election
Districts

1 Section 1. Members of the house of representatives
2 are elected by the qualified voters of the respective
3 election districts. Until reapportionment, election
4 districts and the number of representatives to be elec-
5 ted from each district shall be as set forth in Section
6 ~~1~~ of Article XV.

Senate
Districts

7 Section 2. Members of the senate are elected by
8 the qualified voters of the respective senate districts.
9 Senate districts shall be as set forth in Section ~~2~~ of
10 Article XV, subject to changes authorized in this article.

Reapportion-
ment of
House

11 Section 3. The governor shall reapportion the
12 house of representatives immediately following the offi-
13 cial reporting of each decennial census of the United
14 States. Reapportionment shall be based upon civilian
15 population within each election district as reported by
16 the census.

Method

1 Section 4. Reapportionment shall be by the method
2 of equal proportions, except that each election district
3 having the major fraction of the quotient obtained by
4 dividing total civilian population by forty shall have
5 one representative.

Combining
Districts

6 Section 5. Should the total civilian population
7 within any election district fall below one-half of the
8 quotient, the district shall be attached to an election
9 district within its senate district and the reapportion-
10 ment for the new district shall be determined as provided
11 *Section 4 of* in this article.

Redistrict-
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12 Section 6. The governor may further redistrict by
13 changing the size and area of election districts, subject
14 to the limitations of this *article* ~~section~~. Each new district
15 so created shall be formed of contiguous and compact
16 territory containing as nearly as practicable a relative-
17 ly integrated socio-economic area. Each shall contain
18 a population at least equal to the quotient obtained by
19 dividing the total civilian population by forty. Consid-
20 eration may be given to local government boundaries.
21 Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in
22 describing boundaries wherever possible.

Modifica-
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Senate Dis-
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23 Section 7. The ~~Southeastern, Southcentral, Central~~
24 ~~and Northwestern~~ senate districts, described in Section 2
25 of Article XV, may be modified to reflect changes in

1 election districts. A district, although modified, shall
2 retain its total number of senators and its approximate
3 perimeter.

Reapportionment Board

4 Section 8. The governor shall appoint a reapportionment board to act in an advisory capacity to him.
5 It shall consist of five members, none of whom may be
6 public employees or officials. At least one member each
7 shall be appointed from the Southeastern, Southcentral,
8 Central and Northwestern senate districts. Appointments
9 shall be made without regard to ~~political~~ ^{partisan} affiliation.
10 Board members shall be compensated.

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12 Section 9. The board shall elect one of its members
13 chairman and may employ temporary assistants. Concurrence
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15 but a lesser number may conduct hearings or
16 otherwise act for the board. ~~Deliberation and decision~~
17 ~~of the board shall be free from~~ ^{partisan} ~~political considerations.~~

Reapportionment Plan and Proclamation

18 Section 10. Within ninety days following the
19 official reporting of each decennial census, the board
20 shall submit to the governor a plan for reapportionment
21 and redistricting as provided in this article. Within
22 ninety days after receipt of the plan, the governor shall
23 issue a proclamation of reapportionment and redistricting.
24 An accompanying statement shall explain any change
25 from the plan of the board. The reapportionment and re-

1 districting shall be effective for the election of mem-
2 bers of the legislature until after the official report-
3 ing of the next decennial census.

Enforcement

4 Section 11. Any qualified voter may apply to the
5 superior court to compel the governor, by mandamus or
6 otherwise, to perform his reapportionment duties or to
7 correct any error in redistricting or reapportionment.
8 Application to compel the governor to perform his re-
9 apportionment duties must be filed within thirty
10 days of the expiration of either of the two ninety-
11 day periods specified in this article. Application to
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18 Section 12. At the first state general election
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15 tionment.

Amendment No. _____

Constitutional Convention
Committee on
By Style and Drafting

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AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14 (Article VI)

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14(VI) be amended
as follows:

Correction of the following typographical errors: Section 12,
line 21, delete "C", and change "and" to lower case; Section 1,
line 6, change "2" to "1"; Section 2, line 9, change "1" to "2".

Section 5, page 2, line 11, after word "in" add "Section 4 of".

Section 6, page 2, line 14, delete the word "section" and substitute
the word "article".

Section 9, page 3, line 17, before the word "political" insert the
word "partisan".

Section 7, lines 23 and 24, page 2, strike "Southeastern ,South-
central, Central and Northwestern".

Section 9, lines 16 and 17, page 3, strike the last sentence of
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