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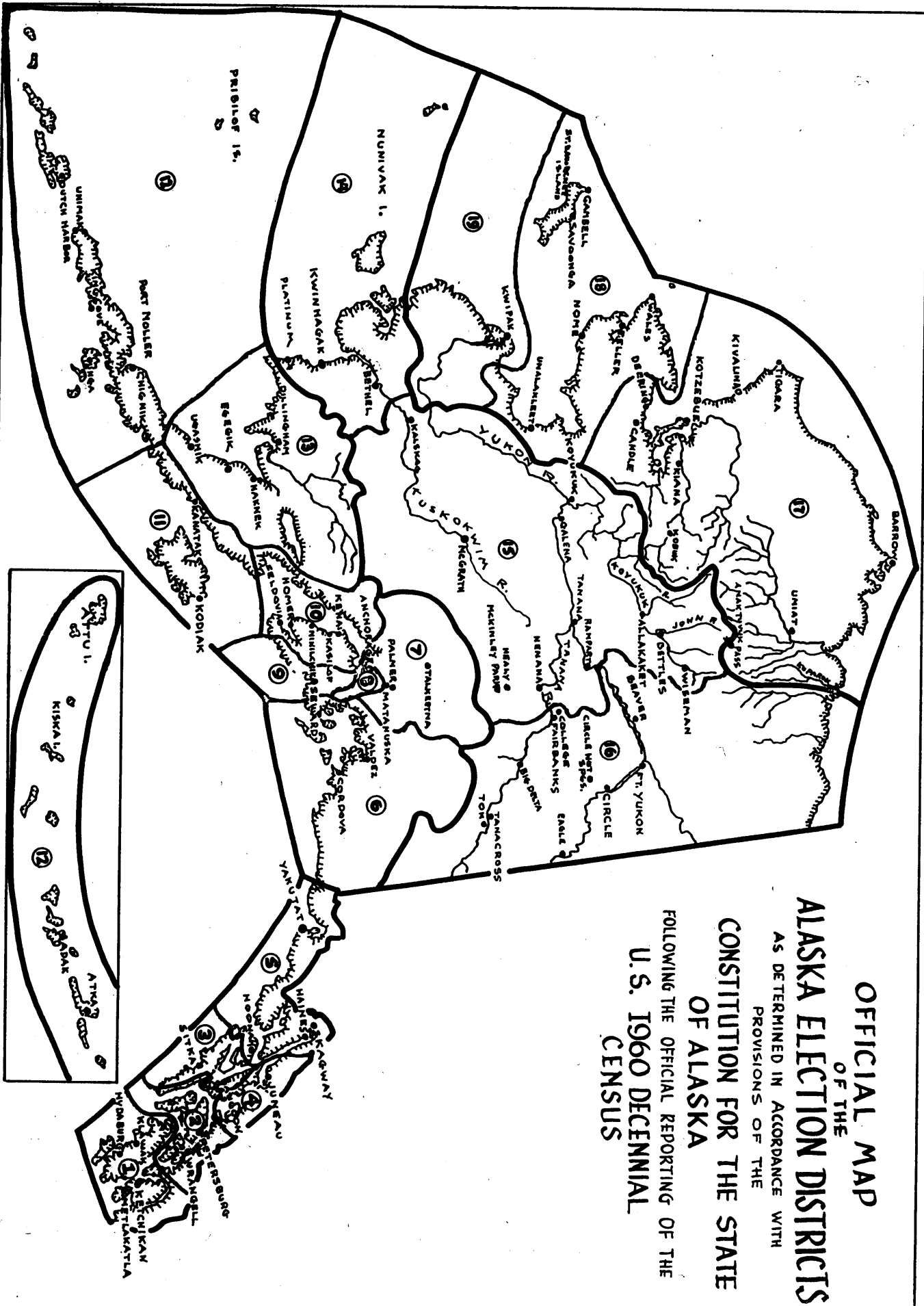
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Constitutional Convention

November, 1955

OFFICIAL MAP
 OF THE
ALASKA ELECTION DISTRICTS
 AS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 PROVISIONS OF THE
**CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE
 OF ALASKA**
 FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL REPORTING OF THE
**U. S. 1960 DECENNIAL
 CENSUS**



POPULATION OF ELECTION DISTRICTS -- 1960 CENSUS
(Election Districts Prior to Reapportionment - 1961)

<u>District</u>	<u>Civilian Population</u>	<u>Military Population</u>	<u>Total Population</u>
1. Prince of Wales	1,767	5	1,772
2. Ketchikan	9,770	300	10,070
3. Wrangell-Petersburg	4,181	0	4,181
4. Sitka	6,605	85	6,690
5. Juneau	9,545	200	9,745
6. Lynn Canal-Icy Straits	2,926	19	2,945
7. Cordova-McCarthy	1,557	202	1,759
8. Valdez-Chitina-Whittier	2,379	465	2,844
9. Palmer-Wasilla-Talkeetna	5,162	26	5,188
10. Anchorage	68,555	14,278	82,833
11. Seward	2,956	0	2,956
12. Kenai-Cook Inlet	5,690	407	6,097
13. Kodiak	5,367	1,807	7,174
14. Aleutian Islands	3,594	2,417	6,011
15. Bristol Bay	3,485	539	4,024
16. Bethel	5,412	125	5,537
17. Kuskokwim	2,149	152	2,301
18. Yukon-Koyukuk	3,324	773	4,097
19. Fairbanks	33,462	9,950	43,412
20. Upper Yukon	1,496	123	1,619
21. Barrow	1,979	154	2,133
22. Kobuk	3,470	90	3,560
23. Nome	5,587	504	6,091
24. Wade Hampton	3,057	71	3,128
	193,775	32,392	226,167

$40/193,775 = 4,844$ people for each House seat or at least

PROCLAMATION OF REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution of Alaska provides for reapportionment and redistricting of the state legislature following each decennial census;

WHEREAS, the advisory reapportionment board has submitted its recommended plan of reapportionment and redistricting to the Governor within 90 days after the official reporting of the census pursuant to Section 10, Article VI of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is required by Section 10, Article VI of the Constitution to issue a proclamation of reapportionment and redistricting within 90 days after receipt of the recommendations of the advisory reapportionment board;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska, do proclaim the following plan of reapportionment and redistricting:

First: The election districts shall have the following numbers, names, and assignments of seats in the House of Representatives:

<u>District Number</u>	<u>Name of Election District</u>	<u>No. of Representatives</u>
1	Ketchikan-Prince of Wales	2
2	Wrangell-Petersburg	1
3	Sitka	1
4	Juneau	2
5	Lynn Canal-Icy Straits	1
6	Cordova-Valdez	1
7	Palmer-Wasilla-Talkeetna	1
8	Anchorage	14
9	Seward	1
10	Kenai-Cook Inlet	1
11	Kodiak	1
12	Aleutian Islands	1

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TRANSCRIPT: MEETING DATES AND PAGES

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Referred to Committee on
Legislative Branch
November 21, 1955

R E S O L U T I O N

LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL

Introduced by Chris Poulsen, Anchorage

RESOLVED: That immediately after the State Government becomes in effect, a referendum be held on the following question:

"Shall the Capital of Alaska be located in the city of Juneau, the Matanuska Valley near Palmer, or the Tanana Valley near Fairbanks?"

Referred to Committee
on Legislative Branch
November 21, 1955

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

PROPOSAL NO. 11

Introduced by: Thomas Harris

LOCATION OF THE STATE CAPITAL

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

The location of the permanent seat of the Govern-
ment of Alaska shall be selected by a majority
vote of all the qualified electors of Alaska
voting on the question.

NOTE: If the above proposal is approved, an ordinance should be
prepared prescribing when and by what procedure the qualified
electors of Alaska shall select the permanent seat of the govern-
ment of Alaska and the period within which the move to the new
capital should be effected, should a site other than Juneau be
selected.

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Delegate Proposal/23
Referred to Committee on
Legislative Branch
November 26, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska
PROPOSAL NO.23
Introduced by R.E. Robertson

Legislature: To create a Legislature with qualifications of its members, and to establish legislative and sub-legislative districts, and representation therefrom, and to require decennial reapportionment.

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

1 1. All legislative powers shall vest in the Legislature of
2 Alaska, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of
3 Representatives.

4 2. All legislators shall be United States and Alaskan citizens
5 and bona fide residents for not less than two years of the State,
6 and Senators shall be not less than 25 years old and Representatives
7 shall be not less than 21 years old. They may be either male or
8 female.

9 3. The Senate shall be composed of four Senators from each
10 legislative district, elected by popular vote, and each shall have
11 one vote. After the announcement of the results of the Federal
12 1960 national decennial census, they shall be reapportioned, so
13 that each legislative district shall thereafter have two Senators
14 for the first 10,000 population, or fraction thereof, and,

Constitutional Convention
Delegate Proposal/25
Referred to Legislative
Branch
November 26, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 25

Introduced by Robert J. McNealy

LEGISLATURE TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO, AND RESTRICT, AGENCIES

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

1 Where necessary for implementation or effectuation of
2 legislative policy, the legislature may delegate the auth-
3 ority to make and promulgate reasonable rules and regula-
4 tions which shall have, upon publication thereof, as the
5 Legislature may provide, the force and effect of law; but
6 no such authority shall be delegated unless such legisla-
7 tive policy is expressed in clear, definite and precise
8 standards by which any such rule or regulation may be
9 tested for validity; and provided, further, that no per-
10 son, agency, commission or department in which said auth-
11 ority has been vested shall sit in judgment on alleged
12 violations of its own rules or regulations or otherwise
13 exercise any judicial or quasi-judicial powers.

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 25

Constitutional Convention
Delegate Proposal #27
Referred to Committee on
Suffrage, Elections and
Apportionment
November 28, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 27

Introduced by R. J. McNealy

ELECTION IN DISTRICT OTHER THAN PLACE OF RESIDENCE

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

1 No law shall be made prohibiting a qualified candidate for
2 public office from filing and standing for election in any
3 political subdivision, regardless of his or her place of
4 residence within the state.

Constitutional Convention
VII/Legislative/8
December 2, 1955

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS ON CAPITAL TO RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Legislative branch, to which Proposal Number 11 and Resolution No. 4 were referred wish to report that it feels this proposal and resolution are not properly a matter of this committee and therefore recommends that these proposals be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The above proposal and resolution relate to the capital of the State Government. Other proposals on the same subject have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Constitutional Convention
Delegate Proposal No. 35
Referred to Committee on Suffrage
Elections, and Apportionment on
December 5, 1955

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 35

Introduced by George D. Cooper

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

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

1 Section 1. Every citizen of the United States, who shall
2 have attained the age of twenty years, have been a resident of
3 this State not less than one year next preceding the election,
4 and a resident of the Election District 30 days next preceding
5 the election and be a voter registered in accordance with law,
6 shall be qualified to vote in any state or local election. No
7 person shall be qualified to vote unless he is also able,
8 except for physical disability, to speak, read and write the
9 English language.

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/1
December 5, 1955

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
SUFFRAGE, ELECTIONS, AND APPORTIONMENT

Hon. William A. Egan
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention

My dear Mr. President:

The attached Constitutional Article entitled "Suffrage and Elections" has been unanimously approved by the Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment.

Section 1 sets forth the present suffrage qualifications of the 50 year old Act of Congress with two changes: first, the voting age is lowered one year to twenty (20); second, the literacy test is somewhat relaxed to a requirement that qualified voters be able to "read or speak the English language as prescribed by the legislature." This leaves the test of ability to the legislative branch.

The Committee strongly believes that the present Alaskan tested and tried voting law (38-1-2 and 38-1-8 ACLA 1949) with its many decisions should be preserved, hence adopted Section 1 in the form chosen. To depart from the Act of Congress would create uncertainty and provoke needless litigation.

Section 2 is not unusual and is self-explanatory. The Committee believes that permanent registration should be required in urban areas, i.e. municipalities with population over 2,500, leaving the matter in other areas for legislative decision.

Constitutional Convention
Delegate Proposal/36
Referred to Committee on Suffrage,
Elections & Apportionment
December 6, 1955

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DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 36

Introduced by Dora M. Sweeney

MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE SENATE

RESOLVED: That the following be agreed upon as
part of the Alaska State Constitution:

1 Section 1. The Senate shall be composed of twenty members, who
2 shall be elected by the qualified voters of the respective
3 senatorial districts. The districts, and the number of senators
4 to be elected from each, shall be as follows:

5 First senatorial district: ^{Constitutional Convention} The first judicial division as
6 constituted for the Territory of Alaska, 4 senators.
^{Referred to Committee on Suffrage,}
^{December 6, 1955}

7 Second senatorial district: The second judicial division
8 as constituted for the Territory of Alaska, 4 senators.

9 Third senatorial district: The third judicial division as
10 constituted for the Territory of Alaska, 4 senators.

11 Fourth senatorial district: The fourth judicial division
12 as constituted for the Territory of Alaska, 4 senators.

13 Fifth Senatorial district: The State of Alaska, 4 senators.

part of the Alaska State Constitution:

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 36

Section 1. The Senate shall be composed of twenty members, who

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Delegate Proposal No. 37
Referred to Committee on
Suffrage, Elections and
Apportionment
December 7, 1955

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DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO: 37

Introduced by Maynard D. Londborg

SENATE APPORTIONMENT

RESOLVED, That the following be agreed upon as part
of the Alaska State Constitution:

Section 1. The Senate of the State of Alaska shall be composed of twenty members, who shall be elected by qualified voters of the respective senatorial districts. The districts, and the number of senators to be elected from each, shall be as follows:

First senatorial district: That portion of Alaska which was known as the first Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, four;

Second senatorial district: that portion of Alaska which was known as the second Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, four;

Third senatorial district: that portion of Alaska which was known as the third Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, four;

Fourth senatorial district: that portion of Alaska which was known as the fourth Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska, four;

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Delegate Proposal/40
Referred to Committee on Suffrage,
Elections, and Apportionment
December 8, 1955

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DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 40

Introduced by Frank Barr

COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE

RESOLVED: That the following be agreed upon as
part of the Alaska State Constitution.

1 The Senate shall consist of sixteen members, four from each
2 election District established for the election of Senators, each
3 of whom shall have at the time of his election the qualifications
4 of an elector in the State of Alaska, and shall have been a res-
5 ident and an inhabitant in the District from which he is elected
6 for at least two years prior to the time of his election. The
7 term of office of each member of the Senate shall be four years;
8 two from each District shall be elected each alternate biennium.
9 There shall be established four Districts for the election
10 of Senators, the boundaries of which shall coincide with the
11 boundaries of the four Judicial Divisions established by the
12 Congress for the Territory of Alaska.

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 40

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Delegate Proposal/42
Referred to Committee on Suffrage,
Elections and Apportionment
December 8, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 42

Introduced by Jack Hinckel

MEMBERSHIP IN STATE SENATE

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

- 1 1. The Senate shall be composed of twenty members.
- 2 2. The State shall be divided into sixteen senatorial
- 3 districts comprised of legislative districts, as follows:
- 4 A. Prince of Wales Island, Ketchikan, Hyder
- 5 B. Wrangle, Petersburg.
- 6 C. Sitka
- 7 D. Juneau, Skagway, Haines.
- 8 E. Cordova, Chitna-McCarthy, Valdez.
- 9 F. Kenai, Homer, Seldovia, Illiamna, Seward
- 10 G. Anchorage, Whittier, Palmer, Wasilla, Talkeetna.
- 11 H. Kodiak, Aleutians.
- 12 I. Kvichak, Bristol Bay, Bethel.
- 13 J. Kuskokwim, Mt. McKinley, Innoka.
- 14 K. Nunalto, Ft. Gibbon, Rampart, Hot Springs, Nenana.
- 15 L. Fairbanks North

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Committee Proposal/4
December 13, 1955

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 4

Introduced by Committee on Recommendations and Resolutions
LOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL, AND PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE THEREOF

RESOLVED, that the following ordinance be ordained:

1 Section 1. The seat of government shall be Juneau,
2 which is established as the capital of the State until
3 changed as hereinafter provided.

4 Section 2. At the first regular session of the
5 Legislature held ten years after this Constitution be-
6 comes effective, the legislature shall provide by law
7 for making and publicizing a study of the public advan-
8 tages, for selection as a site for the seat of govern-
9 ment, of various communities which may petition the
10 Legislature for selection as the seat of government,
11 and for submitting, at the next general election after
12 the study is made and publicized, to the qualified voters
13 of the State the question of the selection of a site for
14 the seat of government of the State. The community
15 receiving 65 percent or more of the qualified votes cast
16 at the election shall become the seat of government of
17 the State. If no community receives at least 65 percent
18 of the qualified votes, the question shall be submitted
19 to the qualified voters at the next general election in

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Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/1/Enrolled
December 19, 1955

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 1

Introduced by Committee on Suffrage, Elections and
Apportionment

ARTICLE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

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

Qualifications
and
Residence

1 Section 1. Every citizen of the United States,
2 who shall have attained the age of 19 years,
3 who is an actual and bona fide resident of
4 Alaska, and who has been such resident con-
5 tinuously during the entire year immediately
6 preceding the election, and who has been such
7 resident continuously for thirty days next pre-
8 ceding the election in the election district in
9 which he votes, and who is able to read or speak
10 the English language as prescribed by the Legis-
11 lature, unless incapacitated from complying
12 therewith by physical disability only, and who
13 is not barred from voting by any other provi-
14 sion of law, shall be qualified to vote in any
15 State or local election.

Committee Proposal No. 1 First Enrolled

Constitutional Convention
Style and Drafting/Article VI
(Committee Proposal/14/Enrolled)
January 28, 1956

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,

George Sundborg, Chairman
R. Rolland Armstrong
Edward V. Davis
Victor Fischer
Mildred R. Hermann
James J. Hurley
Maurice T. Johnson
George M. McLaughlin
Katherine D. Nordale

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Constitution Hall
University of Alaska

Evening Session -- January 11, 1956

(Reporter's note: The first fifteen minutes of this evening's session will have to be taken from the tape recorder, as machine difficulty was experienced by this reporter. On tape: introduction of Mrs. Egan; discussion of introduction of letter of Mr. Curtis Shattuck; motion of Mr. White to resolve into committee of the whole with a complete record kept; discussion of motion.)

PRESIDENT EGAN: The question is: "Shall the convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole? All those in favor of resolving the convention into a committee of the whole at this time will signify by saying "aye." (Response.) All opposed by saying "no." (Response.) The "noes" seem to have it, and the convention has not resolved itself into a committee of the whole. Mr. Hellenthal, would you care to begin your explanation.

HELLENTHAL: Mr. President, I do appreciate that questions will not be asked until we conclude the presentation of the committee, and, I should at the outset like to invite the delegates to the two maps that were mailed to them during the recess. I have them before me: one is the map with twenty-four Arabic figures on it; one is a map with twelve Roman figures on it. Each map is of Alaska, and I know that there are other copies available. If all of the members do not have copies now, they can get them from the Sergeant-at-arms. There is also a paper entitled "Method of Equal Proportion," which was distributed to each member. And if some of the members do not have that, I suggest that you get it now from the surplus copies.

DAVIS: Mr. President

PRESIDENT EGAN: Mr. Davis

DAVIS: Would it be helpful to bring the map up where we can see it here?

PRESIDENT EGAN: Where do you think would be the best place? (The map was then situated next to the president's table.) The convention will come to order. Mr. Hellenthal.

HELLENTHAL: Mr. President, at the outset I should like to point out that I feel that this matter is not so controversial, it is more technical, and that's why the committee appreciates the opportunity to present the plan as a technical plan in the form of an integrated whole, because any apportionment plan must be carefully integrated. Now all the apportionment plans are the results of weighed and considered compromises, and I want the members to bear in mind that this plan -- after careful and long decisions by

*Start next p.
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

January 12, 1956
Constitution Hall
University of Alaska--

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Convention will come to order. Reverend Armstrong, would you give our daily invocation?

ARMSTRONG: Our loving Father, we ask Thee to use us in this day, we pray, that in the service of our future state that we might mark well those sign posts of life and liberty and pursuit of happiness for those yet to come. Keep us vigilant, keep us peaceful, and make us progressive in our thinking, for this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Chief Clerk will call the roll.

(The Chief Clerk called the roll at this time.)

CHIEF CLERK: One absent.

PRESIDENT EGAN: A quorum is present. The Convention will proceed with the regular order of business. Are there any communications from outside the Convention? Are there reports of standing committees? Reports of select committees? Are there any proposals to be introduced at this time? The Chair would like to state that General Dean will make his speech in the college gymnasium this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Following that speech over there he will come here and we don't know the exact time, so we will just have to hold that in abeyance, but General Dean will be here this afternoon to make a few brief remarks. We invited him to do so.

SMITH: Would it be in order to make a committee announcement at this time?

PRESIDENT EGAN: If there is no objection, Mr. Smith, you may make a committee announcement.

SMITH: I want to announce that the Committee on Resources will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Apartment 504 in the Polaris Building. I would like to announce also that the Committee on Resources will meet tomorrow at 12:50 during the noon recess in one of the committee rooms upstairs.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Committee on Resources will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Apartment 504 in the Polaris Building and at 12:50 p.m. tomorrow in one of the committee rooms. Are there other committee announcements?

COGHILL: It has been brought to the attention of the Committee on Administration as to whether the delegates wish to meet this

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Evening Session -- January 12, 1956

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Convention will come to order. Are there amendments to Section 3? Are there amendments to Section 4? Mr. Gray?

GRAY: On page 4, excuse me, that is Section 5.

PRESIDENT EGAN: Are there amendments to Section 4? To Section 5? The Chief Clerk will read the proposed amendment to Section 5.

CHIEF CLERK: This is an amendment by Committee VI on Apportionment that, Section 5 on line 21, page 4, following the comma after the word "redistricting" add "giving explanation for all changes from the board's plan."

PRESIDENT EGAN: What is the pleasure -- Mr. Hellenenthal?

HELLENTHAL: I move for the adoption of the amendment.

COGHILL: I second.

PRESIDENT EGAN: Mr. Hellenenthal moves for the adoption of the amendment, seconded by Mr. Coghill.

UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Please read it again.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Chief Clerk will please read both amendments.

CHIEF CLERK: Line 21 on page 4, following the comma, after the word "redistricting" add "giving explanation for all changes from the board's plan."

PRESIDENT EGAN: Motion is open for discussion. Is there discussion of the proposed amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Please read it again.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Chief Clerk will please read the proposed amendment once more.

CHIEF CLERK: Line 21 on page 4, following the comma, after the word "redistricting" add "giving explanation for all changes from the board's plan."

UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Question.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The question is, "Shall the proposed amendment as offered by the Committee be adopted by the Convention?" All those in favor of adopting the amendment will signify by

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/14
January 13, 1956

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

SCHEDULE

Election Districts

Section 1. As provided in Section 1, Article _____, until the first reapportionment provided for by Section 2 of said Article, the election districts and the number of members to be elected from each shall be as follows:

<u>No of District</u>	<u>Name of District</u>	<u>No of Members per '50 Decennial Census</u>
1	Prince of Wales	1
2	Ketchikan	2
3	Wrangell-Petersburg	1
4	Sitka	1
5	Juneau	3
6	Lynn Canal- Icy Straits	1
7	Cordova-McCarthy	1
8	Valdez-Chitna-Whittier	1
9	Talkeetna-Palmer-Wassila	1
10	Anchorage	8
11	Seward	1
12	Kenai-Cook Inlet	1
13	Kodiak	2
14	Aleutian Islands	1
15	Bristol Bay	1
16	Bethel	1
17	Kuskokwim	1
18	Yukon-Koyukuk	1
19	Fairbanks	5
20	Upper Yukon	1
21	Barrow	1
22	Kobuk	1
23	Nome	2
24	Wade Hampton	1

F I R S T E N R O L L E D C O P Y

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/14/Enrolled
January 13, 1956

Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

Introduced by Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

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

Composition
of House:
Apportion-
ment

1 Section 1. The House of Representatives shall be
2 composed of forty members elected by the qualified
3 voters of the respective election districts. Until
4 the first and subsequent reapportionments, the elec-
5 tion districts and the number of representatives to
6 be elected from each at the first State election
7 shall be as set forth in the schedule in Article ____.

Reapportion-
ment of House

8 Section 2. Immediately following the official
9 reporting of the 1960 census of the United States, or
10 the first regular legislative session of the State
11 of Alaska if it occurs thereafter, and after every
12 subsequent census, the Governor shall reapportion
13 the House of Representatives according to civilian
14 population as reported by the census within each
15 election district. Reapportionment shall be by the
16 method known as the method of equal proportions ex-
17 cept that each election district having the major

*all -
Elec. District description*

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Constitution Hall
University of Alaska

Thursday Afternoon Session

January 26, 1956

The Convention was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with President Egan presiding.

PRESIDENT EGAN: We have with us today Rev. Shepperd of the First Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Shepperd will give our daily invocation.

REV. SHEPPERD: Our Heavenly Father, we pause to give Thee grateful thanks for these men and these women, the framers of the Constitution for the future State of Alaska. We thank Thee, our Father, for all their abundant labors, their selfless interest and devotion to duty they have felt and answered and especially for those aims for which they have labored, many of which have been answered as of this good day. Recognizing, O Lord, that all good government is ordained of God, we would pray Thy blessings upon this group as they come to the consummation of this great document and indeed upon the document itself, that it may find recognition among those in positions of high authority and that we may take our proper place as a sister state among those in our great republic of which we may be justly proud and for which we give Thee grateful thanks and thus we pray Thy blessings on these men and these women in the days ahead and indeed that all mankind may be vitally interested in perpetuating good government. This we pray. In the Lord's name we pray. Amen.

PRESIDENT EGAN: Thank you. The Chief Clerk will call the roll.

(The roll then was called with eight persons not answering. However, it was determined that all members were present except Mr. Harris.)

PRESIDENT EGAN: A quorum is present; the Convention will proceed with its regular order of business. The Chair would like to introduce to the delegates Marguerite Pederson who is here taking stenotype notes with no expense to the Convention and for her own pleasure. We are happy to have you with us, Mrs. Pederson. The Seventh Grade of the Main School of the Fairbanks Public Schools is here today. We are happy to have you with us this afternoon and hope you enjoy the proceedings. Does the Special Committee to read the Journal have a report to make at this time?

WHITE: I would like to ask for consideration of that report later in the day.

PRESIDENT EGAN: That report will be held until later in the day. Are there communications or petitions from outside the Convention?

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
CONSTITUTION HALL
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Saturday, January 28, 1956

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Convention will come to order. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms see if there are any delegates upstairs? The Convention will come to order (7:00 p.m.). The Convention is at ease until the absent delegates present themselves. The Convention will come to order. We have before us Article No. 6, Report of the Style and Drafting Committee. Are there questions with relation to Section 8 or Section 9 to the work that has been done by the Style and Drafting Committee? Are there any questions with relation to the work that has been accomplished by the Style and Drafting Committee to any of the sections including Section 8 or 9? To Section 10? Are there questions to be directed to the Style and Drafting Committee with relation to Section 11? To Section 12? To Section 13? Or to Section 14?

COOPER: Mr. President, I have a question on Section 5. There seems to be a word, part of a word left out of Section 5 that was in the enrolled copy. "Should the total civilian population within any election district fall below one-half of the quotient, the district shall be attached to an election district within its senate district"-- now the word "sub-district" appears in the enrolled copy but not the Style and Drafting. I wonder if I might ask Mr. Davis the reason for that?

PRESIDENT EGAN: Mr. Davis, can you answer that question?

DAVIS: I will answer it to the best of my ability. As a matter of fact, on the whole article as it stands, there is no such thing as a "sub-district". Every district is a senate district; that is every one of these "a, b, c's" that we adopted this morning, the "regions" as we have called them, are only senate districts themselves except that you elect the senators from at large from those districts. That is the reason the so-called sub-district was left out because it did not mean anything. Does that answer it?

COOPER: In answer to Mr. Davis' question to me, to actually answer him, Mr. President, I will have to take the floor on a matter of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT EGAN: If there is no objection.

(Mr. Cooper spoke on a matter of personal privilege.)

PRESIDENT EGAN: If there is no objection, the Convention will be at recess.

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
CONSTITUTION HALL

Saturday Morning Session
January 28, 1956

The session was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with President Egan presiding.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The meeting will come to order. We have with us this morning Father Boileau of the Catholic Church. Father Boileau will give our daily invocation.

FATHER BOILEAU: Grant, almighty God, to us that that which we have begun in humility, counsel and charity, may be prospered by you and brought to a happy conclusion for the good of our country and Your glory. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRESIDENT EGAN: The Chief Clerk will call the roll.

(The roll was then called with six members not answering.)

PRESIDENT EGAN: A quorum is present and the Convention will proceed with its regular order of business. Does the Special Committee to Read the Journal have a report to make at this time?

KNIGHT: Going back to the Journal of the 59th day, page 14 has been corrected and I now ask for its unanimous consent to pass.

PRESIDENT EGAN: Mr. Knight asks unanimous consent for the adoption of the Journal of the 59th day. Is there objection? If there is no objection, the Journal of the 59th day is ordered adopted.

WHITE: Mr. President, reporting to the Convention for the 62nd Convention day, Monday, January 23, page 1, at the bottom of the page, change "1955" to "1956." On page 4, third paragraph, second line, change the "C" in "Chair" to a small "c." With those corrections, Mr. President, we ask unanimous consent for the approval of the Journal of the 62nd day.

PRESIDENT EGAN: Mr. White asks unanimous consent for the approval of the Journal of the 62nd Convention day, including the suggestions for corrections of the Special Committee to Read the Journal. Is there objection? Hearing no objection, the Journal is approved. It is so ordered. Are there any communications or petitions from outside the Convention? Are there reports of standing committees?

SUNDBORG: The Committee on Style and Drafting reports its re-draft of Article No. IX, on Finance and Taxation, and Article No. XIII, on Amendment and Revision, copies of which have been distributed to delegates.

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Committee Proposal/14/Enrolled
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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

SCHEDULE

Election Districts

Election
Districts

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9	Palmer-Wasilla-Talkeetna	1
10	Anchorage	8
11	Seward	1
12	Kenai-Cook Inlet	1
13	Kodiak	2
14	Aleutian Islands	1
15	Bristol Bay	1
16	Bethel	1
17	Kuskokwim	1
18	Yukon-Koyukuk	1
19	Fairbanks	5
20	Upper Yukon	1
21	Barrow	1
22	Kobuk	1
23	Nome	2
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention
Elections and Apportionment
January 30, 1956

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Constitution Hall
University of Alaska

Tuesday Afternoon Session
January 31, 1956

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PRESIDENT EGAN: The Convention will come to order

ROBERTSON: Today I understand Alaska has lost a very good friend and many of us a close personal friend - a man who I knew since he first came to Alaska as a young man, a very loyal American and a very loyal Alaskan. I ask that when the Chaplain gives the invocation it be in honor of General Noyes and that we all stand in honor of the General at that time.

PRESIDENT EGAN: We have with us today Chaplain Henderson of Ladd Air Force Base who will deliver our daily invocation. Today's invocation will be spread upon the Journal in memory of the passing of General John Noyes.

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(The roll was then called and all members were present.)

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