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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Report of the **Style** and Drafting Committee

Honorable William A. Egan
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear President Egan:

Your committee on Style and Drafting submits herewith a proposal for consideration by the Convention. The proposal covers the subjects which the Committee Chairmen asked this Committee to consider (see Convention/16).

It would be appropriate for the Convention to consider this proposal in conjunction with Committee Proposal No. 12 on "General and Miscellaneous Provisions".

Respectfully submitted,

George Sundborg, Chairman

R. Rolland Armstrong

Edward V. Davis

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

Introduced by Committee on Style and Drafting

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Rules of
Interpre-
tation

- 1 Section 1. Titles, subtitles and marginal
2 titles are not to be used for purposes of inter-
3 preting this Constitution.
4 Section 2. In this Constitution the personal
5 pronoun is to be interpreted to include persons
6 of both sexes.
7 Section 3. The enumeration in this Constitution
8 of specified powers is not to be interpreted as a
9 limitation upon the powers of the state government.
10 Section 4. The provisions of this Constitution
11 are to be interpreted as self-executing whenever
12 possible.

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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 General and Miscellaneous for consideration by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sundborg, Chairman
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/12
Style and Drafting/Article XII
January 30, 1956

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Service 1 Section 1. The legislature shall establish a
2 system under which the merit principle will govern
3 the employment of persons by the State.

Retirement 4 Section 2. Membership in employee retirement
Systems 5 systems of the State or its political subdivisions
6 shall constitute a contractual relationship. Accrued
7 benefits of these systems shall not be diminished or
8 impaired.

Disqualifi- 9 Section 3. No person who advocates, or who aids
cation for 10 or belongs to any party or organization or associa-
Disloyalty 11 tion which advocates, the overthrow by force or
12 violence of the government of the United States or
13 of the State shall be qualified to hold any public
14 office of trust or profit under this constitution.

Oath of Office

1 Section 4. All public officers, before entering
2 upon the duties of their offices, shall take and
3 subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:
4 "I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support
5 and defend the Constitution of the United States
6 and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and
7 that I will faithfully discharge my duties as _ _ _ _
8 to the best of my ability". The legislature may
9 prescribe further oaths or affirmations.

Inter-governmental Relations

10 Section 5. The State and its political sub-
11 divisions may cooperate with the United States and
12 its territories and with other states and their
13 political subdivisions on matters of common interest.
14 The respective legislative bodies may make appro-
15 priations for this purpose. The governor shall act
16 as the agent of the State in all intergovernmental
17 relations involving the State.

Interpretation

18 Section 6. Titles and subtitles shall not be
19 used in construing this constitution. Personal
20 pronouns used in this constitution shall be con-
21 strued as including persons of both sexes.

General Power

22 Section 7. The enumeration of specified powers
23 in this constitution shall not be construed as
24 limiting the powers of the State.

Provisions

25 Section 8. The provisions of this constitution

Self-executing 1 shall be construed to be self-executing whenever
2 possible.

Law-Making 3 Section 9. As used in this constitution, the
Powers 4 terms "by law" and "by the legislature", or varia-
5 tions of these terms, are used interchangeably
6 when related to law-making powers. Unless clearly
7 inapplicable, the law-making powers assigned to
8 the legislature may be exercised by the people
9 through the initiative, subject to the limitations
10 of Article XI.

Office of 11 Section 10. Service in the armed forces of
Profit 12 the United States or of the State is not an office
13 or position of profit as the term is used in this
14 constitution.

Consent to 15 Section 11. All provisions of the act admitting
Enabling Act 16 Alaska to the Union which reserve rights or powers
17 to the United States, as well as those prescribing
18 the terms or conditions of the grants of lands or
19 other property, are consented to fully by the State
20 and its people.

State 21 Section 12. The University of Alaska is hereby
University 22 established as the state university and constituted
23 a body corporate. It shall have title to all real
24 and personal property now or hereafter set aside
25 for or conveyed to it. Its property shall be

Board of
Regents

1 administered and disposed of according to law.

2 Section 13. The University of Alaska shall

3 be governed by a board of regents. The regents

4 shall be nominated and appointed by the governor,

5 subject to confirmation by a majority of the mem-

6 bers of the legislature in joint session. The

7 board shall, in accordance with law, formulate

8 policy and appoint the president of the university,

9 He shall be the executive officer of the board.