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Constitutional Convention of Alaska

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 14

Introduced by Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

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12 sequent census, the Governor shall reapportion the
13 House of Representatives according to civilian popula-
14 tion as reported by the census within each election
15 district. Reapportionment shall be by the method known
16 as the method of equal proportions except that each

1 election district having the major fraction of
2 the quotient obtained by dividing total civilian
3 population by forty shall have one representative.
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5 election district fall below one-half of the
6 quotient, such election district shall be attached
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23 districts from which Senators at large are elected
24 may be modified to take account of changes in
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1 of Senators assigned herein to each such district,
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3 Section 3. The Senate shall be composed of
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6 ial districts shall be as set forth in the schedule
7 in Article ____.

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8 Section 4. The members of the Legislature shall
9 be elected at general elections in even-numbered
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11 shall be four years; one-half the senators shall
12 be elected every two years. The term of office of
13 members of the House of Representatives shall be two
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9 year the term of said representatives shall be three
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17 board shall be compensated. They shall elect one of
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4 results of such reapportionment or redistricting,
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6 plan, which shall be effective for the election of mem-
7 bers of the legislature until after the next census
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24 /19	Fairbanks	5
23 /20	Upper Yukon	1
20 /21	Barrow	1
19 /22	Kobuk	1
18 /23	Nome	2
17 /24	Wade Hampton	1

Section 2. As provided in Section 3, Article _____, the senatorial districts and the number of senators to be elected from each shall be as follows:

<u>[No. of District]</u> <u>Name of District</u>	<u>Number of Senators</u>	<u>Composition of Districts</u>
<u>[I]</u> <u>Southeastern</u>	Two at large; one from election districts 1 & 2; one from election districts 3 & 4; one from election districts 5 & 6; total 5	Election districts 1 to 6, inclusive
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Amendment No. _____

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By Committee Number Six

Date _____

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

- (1) That ~~the~~ in Section 2, line 18 following the comma
after the word "areas" add the following
"may give consideration to local government
boundaries,"

adopted
m/c

Amendment No. _____

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By Committee Number Six

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AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

- (2) That in Section 2, lines 5 + 6 at page 2 the following
words be stricken —
"adjoining it having the least civilian population"
and insert the following ^{sub-}
"within its senate, district"

adopted
2/1/19

Amendment No. _____

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By Committee VI

Date _____

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 14

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

That Section 5 at line 21, page 4, following the comma
after the word "redistricting" add:-

"giving explanation for all changes from the
Boards plan,"

*Adopted
voice vote*

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By Committee VI.

Date _____

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

Section 5

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. 14 be amended

as follows:

6 2 11 14 "7 4" 2
Add the following after the words

"with at least one ^{of the four} from each Senate District"

*adopted
voice vote*

Amendment No. _____

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By Warren A. Taylor

Date Jan. 17, 1956

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. _____

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

*Line 2, page 5, Change word "Supreme"
to "Superior". Page 5, Section 5, add new
paragraph as follows:*

*"The Supreme Court, on appeal,
shall review the said cause upon the
law and the facts"*

*~~said state~~
roll call
adopted*

Amendment No. _____

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By J. G. Boswell

Date Jan. 14, 1956

AMENDMENT TO (COMMITTEE) PROPOSAL NO. 1A

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that (Committee) Proposal No. _____ be amended

as follows:

*that the schedule referred to in Section 3
be amended as follows:
Section 3 - Page 2 of Schedule*

*Strike "No. of District" and insert in
lieu thereof: "Name of District."*

*Change Roman numerals to names
as follows:*

- I - Southeastern*
- III - South Central*
- IV - Central*
- II - Northwestern*

*Re-number election districts, ^{on page 1} to follow
above in numerical order.*

*adopted
voice vote*

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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
9-11	Seward	1
10-12	Kenai-Cook Inlet	1
11-10	Anchorage	3
12-9	Talkeetna-Palmer-Wassila	1
13	Kodiak	2
14	Aleutian Islands	1
15	Bristol Bay	1
16	Bethel	1
17-24	Wade Hampton	1
18-20	Nome	2
19-22	Kobuk	1
20-21	Noatak <i>Arctic Slope (Barrow)</i>	1
21-17	Kuskokwim	1
22-18	Yukon-Koyukuk	1
23-20	Upper Yukon	1
24-19	Fairbanks	5

Section 2. As provided in Section 3, Article___, the senatorial districts and the number of senators to be elected from each shall be as follows:

<i>name of district</i> (No. of District)	<u>Number of Senators</u>	<u>Composition of Districts</u>
<i>Southern</i> I	Two at large; one from election districts 1 & 2; one from election districts 3 & 4; one from election districts 5 & 6; total 5	Election districts 1 to 6, inclusive
<i>Northern</i> II	Two at large; one from election districts 17 & 18; one from election districts 19 & 20; total 4	Election districts 17 to 20, inclusive
<i>South Central</i> III	Two at large; one from election districts 7 & 8; one from election districts 9 & 10; one from election districts 11 & 12; one from election districts 13 & 14; total 6	Election districts 7 to 14, inclusive
<i>Central</i> IV	Two at large; one from election districts 15 & 16; one from election districts 21 & 22; one from election districts 23 & 24; total 5	Election districts 15 and 16; districts 21 to 24, inclusive

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2. Delete in Section 2, line 8 at page 2 of the Committee Proposal the words "by the creation of two or more new districts from within the larger geographic socio-economic areas of the State, or, "and also delete the first word in line 11 "otherwise".

3. Change in the Schedule of Election Districts (Section 1) District #20, the name "Noatak" to "Barrow".

*Included as part of Proposal 14 - not as an amendment -
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December 17, 1955

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

Hon. William A. Egan
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Suffrage, Elections and Apportionment submits the attached proposal for an apportionment article.

The article covers the following subjects:

1. A bicameral legislative body.
2. A House of Representatives composed of 40 members chosen from 24 Election districts determined by socio-economic principles of apportionment.
3. A Senate composed of 20 members chosen from Senate districts comprising certain election districts in socio-economic areas of Alaska.
4. A method of reapportionment based on the United States method of equal proportions, a method of redistricting as basic civilian population increases or decreases.
5. The Governor's Advisory Reapportionment and Redistricting Board with provisions for mandamus to compel action in keeping with constitutional rules should they be disregarded.
6. A method of staggering legislators' terms.

Committee Proposal No. 14

COMPARISON WITH PRIOR LEGISLATIVE BODIES

After careful study of the composition of the legislature since the first body was created in 1913 and of the composition of the present constitutional convention it was apparent that the composition of the Territorial Legislature left much to be desired from a representative standpoint. The 1955 constitutional convention plan was believed to be a basis for a truly representative Alaska legislature and hence was carefully studied and criticized from the viewpoint of population and of the composition of its units, the election-recording districts.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASIS FOR DISTRICTS

On the basis of the 1950 population, as shown by the 1950 decennial census, and with scientific estimates of 1955 population, based on school population, the Committee, with the assistance of economist George Rogers, determined that there should be 24 election districts in the State for the first State election. These districts are economic units of the Territory and may be compared in a sense to the Swiss cantons. Their boundaries are watersheds wherever possible; waterways and steamship routes are not used as boundaries, but are considered as highways piercing valleys.

METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTIONS

The method of apportionment known as the method of equal proportions was next considered. This method is regarded as the fairest method of allotting representatives in accordance with population. It is used by the United States Congress in the

apportionment of the United States House of Representatives following each decennial census and was evolved after long and careful study over many years. It is used in at least two states.

ELECTION DISTRICT PLAN

From the study of the method of equal proportions and the election districts composed of the various economic areas of the Territory it became apparent that the composition of the House should be 40. This figure would assure representation of each area (election district) in the House under 1950 population figures and give fair representation to all districts in proportion to their population; this number of representatives was also believed to be wieldy and workable. It was further determined to fix and insure one representative to each election district and constitutional language was drawn to accomplish this end. However, should population decline below a fixed minimum in any district, provision was made for the consolidation of the district with its neighbor; conversely, should the population of a single-member district increase beyond a fixed number and should it consist of a separate economic area and should the remaining area meet the constitutional standards, a new district will be created by the Governor upon the advice of the reapportionment-redistricting board.

The election districts and the representation of each based on the 1950 decennial census are as follows (a schedule will be made up giving detailed boundaries, following the holiday recess), to wit:-

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Prince of Wales (1) | 13. Kodiak (2) |
| 2. Ketchikan (2) | 14. Aleutian Islands (1) |
| 3. Wrangell-Petersburg (1) | 15. Bristol Bay (1) |
| 4. Sitka (1) | 16. Bethel (1) |
| 5. Juneau (3) | 17. Wade Hampton (1) |
| 6. Lynn Canal-Icy Straits (1) | 18. Nome (2) |
| 7. Cordova-McCarthy (1) | 19. Kobuk (1) |
| 8. Valdez-Chitna-Whittier (1) | 20. Noatak (1) |
| 9. Seward (1) | 21. Kuskokwim (1) |
| 10. Kenai-Cook Inlet (1) | 22. Yukon-Koyukuk (1) |
| 11. Anchorage (8) | 23. Upper Yukon (1) |
| 12. Talkeetna-Palmer-Wassila (1) | 24. Fairbanks (5) |

SENATE STUDIES AND COMPOSITION

Whereas, in the composition of the House of Representatives, stress was placed upon civilian population with minor consideration of area (in that election districts are assured of representation by at least one representative), in the composition of the Senate stress was placed upon area with minor stress upon socio-economic areas.

Four Senate Districts were chosen. They are made up of groups of election districts; their boundaries roughly parallel the present judicial divisions.

One of the guiding principles used to determine Senate composition was the principle that the non-urban areas should be assured of Senate representation. This was achieved by dividing the Senate into

two groups. First two Senators will be chosen from four economic areas of Alaska, namely the Southeastern forest-fishing sector, the Southwestern fishing-defense sector; the Great River basin sector with its mining-trapping-defense economy, and the Arctic coastal sector with its mining-trapping-defense economy.

Election districts	1 to 6, incl.	comprise	Senate District	I	
"	"	17 to 20, incl.	"	"	II
"	"	7 to 14, incl.	"	"	III
"	"	15, 16 & 21 to 24 incl.	"	"	IV

Each Senate district has two Senators who will be elected at large in the respective districts.

In addition, districts I and IV will have 3 Senators each; Senate district III, 4 Senators and Senate district II will have 2 Senators chosen from combinations of two successively numbered election districts.

Thus the total membership of the Senate is 20.

The following schedule shows the Senate composition:

<u>No. of District</u>	<u>Number of Senators</u>	<u>Composition of Districts</u>
I	Two at large; one from election districts 1 & 2; one from election districts 3 & 4; one from election districts 5 & 6; total 5	Election districts 1 to 6, inclusive
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STAGGERED TERMS FOR SENATORS

As senators will undoubtedly be chosen for four-year terms at general elections held in even-numbered years, (see report of the Committee on the Legislative Branch) a method is presented for staggering terms after the first State election with further provision for staggering, if the first State election is held in an odd-numbered year. The end result is that one-half the Senators will be up for election at each general election following the first State election.

REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING BOARD

The committee proposes that the matter of reapportionment and redistricting be primarily an executive function. It proposes a five-man advisory and nonpartisan board, representative of the economic areas of the State, to submit a reapportionment or redistricting plan to the Governor following the release of the official United States decennial census. The Governor must, by proclamation, reapportion or redistrict within three months after the submission of the board plan. The board can engage experts. The United States census performs this task for other states through its experts, and this service will be available.

If the Governor fails to perform the assigned duty or fails to follow constitutional provisions, mandamus in the State Supreme Court will be available to force his actions.

Alaskan United States Senators and the first Alaskan Congressman must of necessity be chosen at large in accordance with the federal constitution.

CONCLUSION

The above outlines committee thought in general.

Following the holiday recess, schedules showing population of election districts and their precise boundaries and maps will be furnished the delegates with further detailed explanation. Convention necessities and time limitations have made it impossible to submit these schedules earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reapportion- 8 Section 2. Immediately following the official
ment of 9 reporting of the 1960 census of the United States, or
House 10 the first regular legislative session of the State of
11 Alaska if it occurs thereafter, and after every
12 subsequent census, the Governor shall reapportion the
13 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 except
17 that each ^{leg 2} election district having the major ^{page 2 line 14} fraction
18 of the quotient obtained by dividing total civilian

1 population by forty shall have one representative.
 2 Should the total civilian population within any
 3 election district fall below one-half of the quotient,
 4 such election district shall be attached to the
 5 election district ^{with the same sub-district} adjoining it having the least
 6 civilian population and the reapportionment shall
 7 be determined for the new district as provided above.
 8 The Governor may further redistrict ~~by the creation~~
 9 ~~of two or more new districts from within the larger~~
 10 ~~geographic socio-economic areas of the State, or by~~
 11 ~~otherwise~~ changing the size and areas of districts,
 12 subject to the following limitations: the new
 13 election districts so created shall be formed of
 14 contiguous and compact territory, shall contain a
 15 population at least equal to the quotient obtained
 16 by dividing the total civilian population by forty,
 17 shall contain as nearly as practicable relatively
 18 integrated socio-economic areas, ^{X may also be taken} and shall use
 19 drainage and other geographic features in describing
 20 boundaries wherever possible. ^{X provided that the districts}

Proal Government Amendment
(to act on...)

Composition
 of Senate

21 Section 3. The Senate shall be composed of twenty
 22 members elected by the qualified voters of the
 23 respective senatorial districts. The senatorial
 24 districts shall be as set forth in the schedule in
 25 Article_____.

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Time of 1 Section 4. The members of the Legislature shall
Election: 2 be elected at general elections in even-numbered years.
Terms of 3 The term of office of members of the Senate shall be
Representa- 4 four years; one-half the senators shall be elected
tives and 5 every two years. The term of office of members of
Senators 6 the House of Representatives shall be two years.
7 (See Transitory Provisions below for method of
8 accomplishing this result in both houses.)

9 Transitory Provision: (Senate) As to the eight
10 (8) Senators chosen, two from each senatorial
11 district:- At the first election, one from each
12 senatorial district shall be chosen for a two- (2)
13 year term and one from each said district for a four-
14 (4) year term. As to the remaining twelve (12)
15 Senators:- At the first election, one-half the
16 senators from senatorial districts whose total
17 number of senators is even (II & III) shall be chosen
18 for two-year terms, and one-half for four- (4) year
19 terms; in senatorial districts whose total number of
20 senators is odd (I & IV) one shall be chosen for a
21 two- (2) year term and two chosen for four- (4) year
22 terms. If the first State general election is held in
23 an odd-numbered year, one year must be added ^{status} to the
24 first terms of all senators elected at said first
25 election.

1 Transitory Provision: (House) If the first State
2 general election is held in an odd-numbered year the
3 term of said representatives shall be three years.

Reapportionment Board

4 Section 5. There shall be a nonpartisan Board
5 of Reapportionment to consist of five members of the
6 general public, ^x ~~with at least one from each of the four~~ but not public employees or officials,
7 to be appointed by the Governor and act in an advisory
8 capacity to him. Members of the board shall be
9 compensated. They shall elect one of their members
10 chairman, and they may employ such temporary assistants
11 as necessary. The affirmative votes of three members
12 shall be required for a ruling or determination, but
13 a lesser number may conduct hearings or otherwise
14 act for the board.

15 The Board shall, within ninety days following
16 the official report of each decennial census, submit
17 to the Governor a plan for reapportionment, ^{page 4} or
18 redistricting in accordance with the terms of this
19 constitution, and the Governor shall, within ninety
20 days thereafter, issue a proclamation showing the
21 results of such reapportionment or redistricting, ^{the} ~~x~~ ^{final} ~~^~~ ^{giving explanation}
22 which shall be effective for the election of members
23 of the legislature until after the next census
24 certification.

1 Original jurisdiction is hereby vested in the
2 ^{Supreme} Supreme Court of the State to be exercised on the
3 application of any voter, made within thirty days of
4 the expiration of either of the two ninety-day periods
5 above specified, to compel by mandamus or otherwise,
6 the Governor to perform the duties above set forth;
7 or within thirty days following his proclamation to
8 compel, by mandamus or otherwise, the correction of
9 any error made in such redistricting or reapportionment.

*The Supreme Court, on appeal,
shall review the said cause upon
the law and the facts*