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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention
Style and Drafting/Article XIV
Committee Proposal/17c/S.R.
February 1, 1956

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

RESOLVED, that the following sections be adopted as
a part of the schedule of the Alaska State
Constitution:

ARTICLE XIV

SCHEDULE

Alaska-
Tennessee
Plan

1 Section 25. The election of senators and a
2 representative to serve in the Congress of the
3 United States being necessary and proper to pre-
4 pare for the admission of Alaska as a State of
5 the Union, the following is hereby ordained,
6 pursuant to Chapter 46, SLi 1955:

Referendum

7 (1) Each elector who offers to vote upon
8 this constitution at the ratification election
9 shall be given a separate ballot by the election
10 judges which shall contain the following proposition:

11 "Shall ordinance No. ___ (Alaska-
12 Tennessee Plan) of the Alaska Con-
13 stitutional Convention, calling for
14 the immediate election of two

1 United State Senators and one United Yes
2 States Representative, be adopted?" No

Approval

3 (2) Upon ratification of the constitution by
4 the people of Alaska and separate approval of this
5 ordinance by a majority of all votes cast for and
6 against it, the remainder of this ordinance shall
7 become effective.

Election of
Senators and
Representative

8 (3) Two persons to serve as members of the
9 senate of the United States and one person to
10 serve as a member of the house of representatives
11 of the United States shall be chosen at the 1956
12 general election.

Terms

13 (4) One senator shall be chosen for the
14 regular term expiring on January 3, 1963, and the
15 other for an initial short term expiring on
16 January 3, 1961, unless when they are seated the
17 senate prescribes other expiration dates. The
18 representative shall be chosen for the regular
19 term of two years expiring January 3, 1959.

Qualifications

20 (5) Candidates for senators and representative
21 shall have the qualifications prescribed in the
22 constitution of the United States and shall be
23 qualified voters of Alaska.

Other Office
Holding

24 (6) Until the admission of Alaska as a state,
25 the senators and representative may also hold or be

1 nominated and elected to other offices of the
2 United States or of the Territory of Alaska, pro-
3 vided that no person may receive compensation for
4 more than one office.

Election
Procedure

5 (7) Except as provided herein, the laws of
6 the Territory governing elections to the office of
7 delegate to congress shall, to the extent applicable,
8 govern the election of the senators and representa-
9 tive. Territorial and other officials shall perform
10 their duties with reference to this election
11 accordingly.

Independent
Candidates

12 (8) Persons not representing any political
13 party may become independent candidates for the
14 offices of senator or representative by filing
15 applications in the manner provided in Section
16 38-5-10, ACLA 1949, insofar as applicable. Appli-
17 cations must be filed in the office of the director
18 of finance of the Territory on or before June 30,
19 1956.

Party
Nominations

20 (9) Party nominations for senators and
21 representative shall, for this election only, be
22 made by party conventions in the manner prescribed
23 in Section 38-4-11, ACLA 1949, for filling a
24 vacancy in a party nomination occurring in a
25 primary election. The names of the candidates

1 nominated shall be certified by the chairman and
2 secretary of the central committee of each political
3 party to the director of finance of the Territory
4 on or before June 30, 1956.

Certification

5 (10) The director of finance shall certify
6 the names of all candidates for senators and
7 representative to the clerks of court by July 15,
8 1956. The clerks of court shall cause the names
9 to be printed on the official ballot for the
10 general election. Independent candidates shall be
11 identified as provided in Section 38-5-10, ACLA
12 1949. Candidates nominated at party conventions
13 shall be identified with appropriate party design-
14 nations as is provided by law for nominations at
15 primary elections.

Ballot Form;
Who Elected

16 (11) The ballot form shall group separately
17 the candidates seeking the regular senate term,
18 those seeking the short senate term and candidates
19 for representative. The candidate for each office
20 receiving the largest number of votes cast for
21 that office shall be elected.

Duties and
Emoluments

22 (12) The duties and emoluments of the offices
23 of senator and representative shall be as prescribed
24 by law.

Convention
Assistance

1 (13) The president of the Alaska Constitutional
2 Convention, or person designated by him, may assist
3 in carrying out the purposes of this ordinance.
4 The unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated
5 to the Alaska Constitutional Convention by
6 Chapter 46, SLA 1955, may be used to defray
7 expenses attributable to the referendum and the
8 election required by this ordinance.

Alternate
Effective
Dates

9 (14) If the Congress of the United States
10 seats the senators and representative elected pur-
11 suant to this ordinance and approves the constitu-
12 tion before the first election of state officers,
13 then Section 1 of Article XIV shall be void and
14 shall be replaced by the following:

15 "The provisions of the constitution applicable
16 to the first election of state officers shall
17 take effect immediately upon the admission of
18 Alaska into the Union as a State. The
19 remainder of the constitution shall take
20 effect when the elected governor takes
21 office."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STYLE AND DRAFTING

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/17c/S. R.
Style and Drafting/Article XIV
January 31, 1956

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

RESOLVED, that the following sections be adopted as
a part of the schedule of the Alaska State

Constitution:

ARTICLE XIV

SCHEDULE

Alaska-
Tennessee
Plan

1 Section _____. The election of senators and a
2 representative to serve in the Congress of the United
3 States being necessary and proper to prepare for the
4 admission of Alaska as a State of the Union, the follow-
5 ing is hereby ordained, pursuant to Chapter 46, SLA 1955:

Referendum

6 (i) Each qualified voter who offers to vote
7 upon this constitution at the ratification election
8 shall be given a separate ballot which, in substance,
9 shall contain the following proposition:

10 "Shall ordinance No. ___ Alaska-Tennessee
11 Plan of the Alaska Constitutional Conven-
12 tion, calling for the immediate election

1 of two United States senators and one YES
2 United States representative, be adopted?" NO

Approval

3 (2) Upon ratification of the constitution by the
4 people of Alaska and separate approval of this ordinance
5 by a majority of all votes cast for and against it, the
6 balance of this ordinance shall become effective.

Election of
Senators and
Representa-
tives

7 (3) Two persons to serve as members of the Senate
8 of the United States and one person to serve as a member
9 of the House of Representatives of the United States
10 shall be chosen at the 1956 general election.

Terms

11 (4) One senator shall be chosen for the regular
12 term expiring on January 3, 1963, and the other for an
13 initial short term expiring on January 3, 1961, unless
14 when they are seated the Senate prescribes other ex-
15 piration dates. The representative shall be chosen for
16 the regular term of two years expiring January 3, 1959.

Qualifica-
tions

17 (5) Candidates for senators and representative
18 shall have the qualifications prescribed in the Consti-
19 tution of the United States and shall be qualified voters
20 of Alaska.

Other
Office
Holding

21 (6) Until the admission of Alaska as a state, the
22 senators and representative may also hold or be nominated
23 and elected to other offices of the United States or of
24 the Territory of Alaska, provided that no person may re-
25 ceive compensation for more than one office.

Election
Procedure

1 (7) Except as provided herein, the laws of the
2 Territory governing elections to the office of delegate
3 to congress shall, to the extent applicable, govern the
4 election of the senators and representative. Territor-
5 ial and other officials shall perform their duties with
6 reference to this election accordingly.

Filing

7 (8) All candidates for senators and representative
8 must file declarations of candidacy with the director of
9 finance of the Territory on or before June 30, 1956.
10 Each candidate shall pay a filing fee of forty dollars.

Independent
Candidates

11 (9) Independent candidates who meet the require-
12 ments set forth in Section 38-5-10, ACLA 1949, may file
13 for the office of senator or representative.

Party Nom-
inations

14 (10) Party nominations for senators and representa-
15 tive shall, for this election only, be made by party con-
16 ventions in the manner prescribed in Section 38-4-11,
17 ACLA 1949, for filling a vacancy in a party nomination
18 occurring in a primary election. The chairman and sec-
19 retary of the central committee of each political party
20 shall certify the names of the candidate nominated to
21 the director of finance of the Territory on or before
22 June 30, 1956.

Certifica-
tion

23 (11) The director of finance shall certify the
24 names of all candidates for senators and representative
25 to the clerks of court by July 15, 1956. The clerks of

1 court shall cause the names to be printed on the
2 official ballot for the general election. Indepen-
3 dent candidates shall be identified as provided in
4 Section 38-5-10, ACLA 1949. Candidates nominated
5 at party conventions shall be identified with appro-
6 priate party designations as is provided by law for
7 nominations at primary elections.

Ballot Form;
Who Elected

8 (12) Each declaration of candidacy shall clear-
9 ly indicate whether the candidate for senator is
10 seeking the regular or the short term. The ballot
11 form shall group separately the candidates seeking
12 the senate long term, those seeking the senate short
13 term and candidates for representative. The candi-
14 date for each office receiving the largest number of
15 of votes cast for that office shall be elected.

Duties and
Compensa-
tion

16 (13) The duties and emoluments of the offices
17 of senator and representative shall be as prescribed
18 by law.

Convention
Assistance

19 (14) The president of the Alaska Constitutional
20 Convention, or person designated by him, may assist
21 in carrying out the purposes of this ordinance. The
22 unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated to the
23 Alaska Constitutional Convention by Chapter 46, SLA
24 1955, may be used to defray expenses attributable
25 to the referendum and the election required by this
26 ordinance.

Alternate
Effective
Dates

1 (15) If the Congress of the United States
2 seats the senators and representative elected pur-
3 suant to this ordinance and approves the constitu-
4 tion prior to the first election of state officers,
5 then Section 1 of Article XIV shall be void and
6 shall be replaced by the following:

7 "The provisions of the constitution applicable
8 to the first election of state officers shall
9 take effect immediately upon the admission of
10 Alaska into the Union as a State. The balance
11 of the constitution shall take effect when the
12 elected governor takes office."

COMMITTEE PROPOSAL NO. 17c

- January 26, 1956 - Committee Proposal No. 17c was introduced.
- January 29, 1956 - Proposal No. 17c was withdrawn by the Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures, and Committee Proposal No. 17c/Revised was introduced.
- January 29, 1956 - Committee Proposal No. 17c/Revised was considered by the Convention in second reading. It was referred direct to the Committee on Style and Drafting with amendments, without reference to the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment, and with the power to suggest amendments in substance. (See Journal of January 29, 1956, page 8.)
- January 29-31, 1956 - The two committees, i.e., Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures, and on Style and Drafting, working in conjunction, prepared a Second Revision* which was the basis for the Style and Drafting reports.
- January 31, 1956 - The first Style and Drafting Report/17c/S.R. was considered by the Convention.
- February 1, 1956 - The second Style and Drafting Report/17c/S.R. was presented and considered by the Convention.

*The "Second Revision" was never duplicated and distributed. It was prepared and used by the Committee on Style and Drafting, and the only copies appear in the work files of the Style and Drafting Committee. The letters "S.R." in the title of the Style and Drafting reports indicate that the Second Revision was the basis for the two reports.

The above explanation is to account for the absence of enrolled copies of the proposal.

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/17c/Revised
January 29, 1956

Alaska Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal No. 17/c/Revised

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures
RESOLVED, that the following sections be adopted as part of the
schedule of the Alaska State Constitution:

SCHEDULE

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Appointment
of First
Legislators

1 Section 27. The provisions of Section 5 of
2 Article II of this constitution shall not prohibit
3 the appointment of any member of the legislature
4 first organized under this constitution to any
5 state civil office or position created by this
6 constitution or created during his first term.

Special
Voting
Provision

7 Section 28. Citizens who legally voted in the
8 general election of November 4, 1924, and who fulfill
9 the residence requirements for voting, shall be
10 entitled to vote notwithstanding the provisions of
11 Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution.

Tennessee
Plan

12 Section 29. Ordinance II. Since the election
13 of two United States Senators and a Representative to
14 the Congress of the United States is a necessary
15 and proper measure in preparation for the admission

1 of Alaska as a State of the Union, it is hereby
2 ordered, pursuant to Chapter 46, Sessions Laws of
3 Alaska, 1945, and in order to carry out the purposes
4 of this Convention, as follows:

Election of
U. S.
Senators and
Representative

5 (1) Upon ratification of this constitution
6 by the people of Alaska, and separate approval
7 of this ordinance by a majority of all the
8 votes cast for and against this ordinance,
9 there shall be chosen at the general election
10 immediately following such ratification two
11 persons to serve as members of the Senate of
12 the United States, one for the regular term,
13 expiring on January 3, 1963, and the other for
14 an initial short term, expiring on January 3,
15 1961, unless when they are seated the Senate
16 prescribes earlier expiration dates for one
17 or both of them, and one person to serve as a
18 member of the House of Representatives of the
19 United States for the regular term of two years,
20 expiring January 3, 1959. Such persons shall
21 meet the qualifications for these offices as
22 set forth in the Constitution of the United
23 States and shall be qualified voters of Alaska.

Can Hold Other
Offices

24 (2) Until the admission of Alaska into
25 the Union as a State, the persons nominated

1 and elected to these offices may also hold or
2 be nominated and elected to other offices of the
3 territory or of the United States, provided
4 that such a person shall receive the compensation
5 assigned to only one of the positions held.

Territorial
Laws to
Apply

6 (3) Except as provided herein, the laws
7 of the territory governing primary and general
8 elections applicable to the Office of Delegate
9 to Congress shall, to the extent applicable,
10 govern elections to these offices, and terri-
11 torial and other officials shall perform their
12 duties with reference to these elections
13 accordingly.

Primary
Elections

14 (4) Primary elections for these offices
15 shall be held on the 24th of April 1956. Any
16 person desiring to become a candidate for these
17 offices shall file a declaration of candidacy
18 and pay a filing fee of \$40.00 in the office
19 of the Director of Finance on or before the
20 20th of February 1956. The Director of Finance
21 shall certify all declarations of candidacy for
22 these offices to the Clerks of the Court for
23 the respective Judicial Divisions and to the
24 Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention
25 within five days after the same are filed.

1 The Secretary of the Convention shall arrange
2 for the preparation of ballots bearing the
3 names of all candidates for these offices in
4 general conformity with the provisions of law
5 for the preparation of primary ballots as
6 prescribed in Section 38-4-4, ACLA 1949, and
7 for the distribution of Official and Sample
8 ballots to the Clerks of the Court for the
9 respective Judicial Divisions. Across the head
10 of each ballot shall be printed in large type
11 the words "Official (or Sample) Primary Ballot",
12 and in smaller type, "Candidates for U. S.
13 Senate and House of Representatives". The
14 ballot shall include a statement referring to
15 this ordinance and the purpose thereof. The
16 Secretary may supply the Clerks of the Court
17 with such additional election supplies as may
18 be necessary. The Director of Finance shall,
19 on or before June 15, 1956, certify to the
20 Clerks of the Court of each Division the names
21 of all candidates who have been nominated
22 for these offices, including the names of
23 qualifying independent candidates who file a
24 declaration of their candidacy on or before
25 February 20, 1956.

Party Conventions 1
and Filing by 2
Independents 3

(5) If primary elections for these offices are not held in all Divisions of the Territory of if, for any other reason, the Director of Finance has not, by June 25, 1956, certified to the Clerks of the Court of the respective Divisions, the names of the party nominees for these offices, then party nominations for each of these offices may be made by party conventions in the same manner as set forth in Section 38-4-11, ACLA 1949, for filling a vacancy in a party nomination occurring in a primary election. The Chairman and Secretary of the Central Committee of each major political party shall immediately upon such nominations being made and in no event later than July 15, 1956, certify by telegraph or otherwise the names of the candidates nominated to the Clerk of the Court in each Division, who shall place the names of the candidates on the ballot for the general election. The names of qualifying independent candidates for these offices shall also be placed on the ballot for the next general election if they have filed a declaration of their candidacy with the Director of Finance on or before July 15, 1956.

General
Elections

1 (6) The applications for filing and the
2 ballot form shall clearly indicate whether the
3 candidates for United States Senator are
4 running for the office carrying the regular or
5 the short term. The candidate receiving the
6 largest number of the votes cast for the office
7 shall be elected. The unexpended and unobligated
8 funds appropriated to the Alaska Constitutional
9 Convention by Chapter 46, Session Laws of
10 Alaska, 1945, may be used to defray expenses
11 attributable to elections under this ordinance.

Entry into
Force of
Constitution

12 (7) Should the Senators and the Representa-
13 tive be elected and seated in the Congress of
14 the United States after the Congress approves
15 this constitution but before the first elections
16 are held for elective state offices under this
17 constitution, then the following section shall
18 be substituted for Article_____, Section_____
19 of the constitution.

20 "This constitution shall take effect upon
21 admission of Alask into the Union as a
22 state in the following manner:
23 Section_____ (re. first election of state
24 officers) shall take effect immediately
25 and the rest of the constitution shall

Ballot Form

1 take effect on the date that the elected
2 Governor of the state takes office."
3 (8) Each qualified voter who offers to
4 vote upon this constitution shall be given a
5 ballot by the election judges which in
6 substance shall contain the following proposition:
7 SHALL ORDINANCE NO. II (TENNESSEE
8 PLAN) SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED
9 CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF
10 ALASKA, CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE
11 ELECTION OF TWO UNITED STATES YES
12 SENATORS AND ONE UNITED STATES
13 REPRESENTATIVE, BE ADOPTED? NO

Constitutional Convention
Committee Proposal/17c
January 26, 1956

Alaska Constitutional Convention

Committee Proposal No. 17/c

Introduced by Committee on Ordinances and Transitional Measures

RESOLVED, that the following sections be adopted as part of the
schedule of the Alaska State Constitution:

SCHEDULE

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of First
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1 Section 27. The provisions of Section 5 of
2 Article II of this constitution shall not prohibit
3 the appointment of any member of the legislature
4 first organized under this constitution to any
5 state civil office or position created by this
6 constitution or created during his first term.

Tennessee
Plan

7 Section 28. Ordinance II. Since the election
8 of two United States Senators and a Representative
9 to the Congress of the United States is a necessary
10 and proper measure in preparation for the admission
11 of Alaska as a State of the Union, it is hereby
12 ordered as follows:

Election of
U. S.
Senators and
Representative

13 (1) Upon ratification of this constitution
14 by the people of Alaska, and separate approval
15 of this ordinance by a majority of all the

*Withdrawn January 29, 1956
(See Journal)*

1 votes cast for and against this ordinance,
2 there shall be chosen at the general election
3 immediately following such ratification two
4 persons to serve as members of the Senate of
5 the United States, one for the regular term,
6 expiring on January 3, 1963, and the other for
7 an initial short term, expiring on January 3,
8 1961, unless when they are seated the Senate
9 prescribes earlier expiration dates for one
10 or both of them, and one person to serve as a
11 member of the House of Representatives of the
12 United States for the regular term of two years,
13 expiring January 3, 1959.

14 (2) Until the admission of Alaska into
15 the Union as a State, the persons nominated
16 and elected to these offices may also hold or
17 be nominated and elected to other offices of the
18 territory or of the United States.

19 (3) The applicable laws of the territory
20 shall govern nominations and elections to these
21 offices, provided that the Director of Finance
22 shall place on the ballot for the primary
23 election to be held on the 24th of April, 1956
24 the names of qualifying candidates for party
25 nomination therefor who file their declaration

1 of candidacy on or before February 20, 1956.
2 The Director of Finance shall place on the
3 ballot for the general election the name of
4 the candidate of each political party receiving
5 the largest number of votes for the respective
6 office at the primary election, and also the
7 names of qualifying independent candidates
8 who file a declaration of their candidacy prior
9 to February 20, 1956.

10 (4) If for any reason primary elections
11 do not serve as a basis for party nominations
12 to these offices for the general election,
13 then one nomination to each office may be made
14 at a party convention convened by each of the
15 political parties of Alaska. Each such party
16 shall certify its candidates to the Director
17 of Finance of the territory on or before
18 July 1, 1956, who shall place the names of the
19 candidates on the ballot for the next general
20 election. The names of qualified independent
21 candidates for these offices shall also be
22 placed on the ballot for the next general
23 election provided that the filing shall be
24 accomplished on or before July 1, 1956.

25 (5) The applications for filing and the

1 ballot form shall clearly indicate whether the
2 candidates for United States Senator are running
3 for the office carrying the regular or the short
4 term. The candidate receiving the largest
5 number of the votes cast for the office shall
6 be elected. The duties and emoluments of these
7 offices shall be as provided by law. The
8 unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated
9 to the Alaska Constitutional Convention by
10 Chapter 46, Session Laws of Alaska, 1945, may
11 be used to defray expenses attributable to
12 elections under this ordinance.

13 (6) Should the Senators and the Representa-
14 tive be elected and seated in the Congress of
15 the United States after the Congress approves
16 this constitution but before the first elections
17 are held for elective state offices under this
18 constitution, then the following section shall
19 be substituted for Article _____, Section _____
20 of the constitution.

21 "This constitution shall take effect upon
22 admission of Alaska into the Union as a
23 state in the following manner:
24 Section _____ (re. first election of state
25 officers) shall take effect immediately

Ballot Form

1 and the rest of the constitution shall
2 take effect on the date that the elected
3 Governor of the state takes office."

4 (7) Each qualified voter who offers to
5 vote upon this constitution shall be given a
6 ballot by the election judges which in substance
7 shall contain the following proposition:

8 SHALL ORDINANCE NO.____(TENNESSEE
9 PLAN) SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED
10 CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF
11 ALASKA, CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE
12 ELECTION OF TWO UNITED STATES
13 SENATORS AND ONE UNITED STATES
14 REPRESENTATIVE, BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO