

# Public Notice

## Proposed Ballot Language for Constitutional Amendment Proposed by SRJ21 for the November 2, 2010 General Election

**Notice:**

Lieutenant Governor Craig E. Campbell has prepared ballot language for the amendment to the Alaska Constitution proposed by SJR21 to appear on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot.

The attached letter that was mailed to all Alaska legislators on May 17, 2010 serves as public notice of the proposed ballot language.

The deadline for public comment or objection to the ballot summary is 5:00pm June 1, 2010.

Comments or objections about the proposed ballot language can be mailed to Lieutenant Governor Craig Campbell, P.O. Box 110015, Juneau, AK 99811-0015, faxed to 907-465-5400, or emailed to [lt.governor@alaska.gov](mailto:lt.governor@alaska.gov)



Lieutenant Governor Craig E. Campbell

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May 17, 2010

The Honorable  
Alaska Legislature

**RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY SJR 21**

Dear

Alaska Statute 15.50.010 requires that I prepare a proposed ballot title and proposition for each amendment to the State Constitution proposed by the Legislature. The ballot language must meet the requirements of AS 15.50.020, which establishes a limit of 100 words for the ballot proposition and a six-word limit for the title. AS 15.60.005 describes the formula for scoring readability to comply with the State's policy that a ballot proposition be clear and concise.

My proposed ballot title and proposition for the constitutional amendment that will appear on the 2010 general election ballot, as authorized by the passage of SJR21, are:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Increase Number of Legislators and Districts

This Act would amend the Alaska Constitution. It proposes changes in the membership of the legislature and redistricting. The Act would increase the number of senate members from 20 to 22. It would increase the number of house members from 40 to 44. The Act would increase the number of house districts from 40 to 44, and senate districts from 20 to 22. The changes proposed by the Act would be effective after a new redistricting plan adopted on or after January 1, 2011, is in place.

Should this constitutional amendment be adopted?

A copy of SJR 21, setting out the proposed amendment is enclosed.

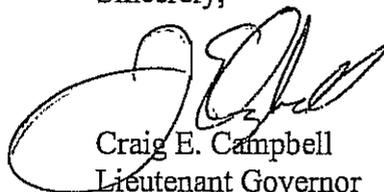
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AS 15.50.025 and AS 15.50.027 define the process and timeline for objection by any member of the Legislature or qualified voter who believes the ballot title and proposition do not provide a true and impartial summary of the proposed amendment. Copies of these statutes are also enclosed.

I encourage you to review what I have prepared. If you have any comments on the proposed title and proposition I must receive them by 5:00 pm on June 1, 2010.

The content of this letter is also being posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice system for inspection by Alaska voters.

Sincerely,



Craig E. Campbell  
Lieutenant Governor

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cc: Sarah Felix, Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Law

Gail Fenumiai, Director  
Division of Elections

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 am H  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/17/10  
Introduced: 4/9/09

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to and  
2 increasing the number of members of the house of representatives to forty-four and the  
3 number of members of the senate to twenty-two.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 \* Section 1. Article II, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 Section 1. Legislative Power; Membership. The legislative power of the  
7 State is vested in a legislature consisting of a senate with a membership of twenty-two  
8 [TWENTY] and a house of representatives with a membership of forty-four  
9 [FORTY].

10 \* Sec. 2. Article VI, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

11 Section 4. Method of Redistricting. The Redistricting Board shall establish  
12 forty-four [FORTY] house districts, with each house district to elect one member of  
13 the house of representatives. The board shall establish twenty-two [TWENTY] senate  
14 districts, each composed of two house districts, with each senate district to elect one  
15 senator.

1 \* **Sec. 3.** Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

2           **Section 6. District Boundaries.** The Redistricting Board shall establish the  
3 size and area of house districts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each house  
4 district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as  
5 practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area. Each shall contain a  
6 population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the population of  
7 the state by forty-four [FORTY]. Each senate district shall be composed as near as  
8 practicable of two contiguous house districts. Consideration may be given to local  
9 government boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in  
10 describing boundaries wherever possible.

11 \* **Sec. 4.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
12 section to read:

13           **Section 30. Applicability of Amendments Increasing the Number of**  
14 **Members in the Legislature.** The 2010 amendments increasing the number of  
15 members in the legislature (art. II, sec. 1, and art. VI, secs. 4 and 6) apply only to plans  
16 for redistricting and proclamations of redistricting adopted on or after January 1, 2011,  
17 and to the membership of legislatures subject to those redistricting plans and  
18 proclamations.

19 \* **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
20 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
21 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

**Sec. 15.50.025. Objection to proposed ballot title and proposition.** A qualified voter, or the Legislature of the State of Alaska acting directly or through the legislative council, who believes that the proposed ballot title and proposition prepared by the lieutenant governor under AS 15.50.010 does not provide a true and impartial summary of the amendment proposed may, within 15 days of the date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to the members of the legislature, submit to the lieutenant governor a statement of objection to the proposed ballot title and proposition, giving the reasons for objection, and suggesting alternative language revising the wording of the title or proposition. The lieutenant governor shall consider any objection received before directing that the ballot containing the proposition be prepared by the director. Not more than 10 days after the deadline for receipt of objections, the lieutenant governor shall advise any person who submitted a statement of objection to the proposed ballot title and proposition of the lieutenant governor's final decision. (§ 2 ch 99 SLA 1978; am § 200 ch 100 SLA 1980)

**Sec. 15.50.027. Judicial review.** A qualified voter, or the Legislature of the State of Alaska acting directly or through the legislative council, who has filed with the lieutenant governor a statement of objection to a proposed ballot title and proposition as provided in AS 15.50.025 and who believes that the ballot title and proposition as finally prepared does not provide a true and impartial summary of the amendment proposed may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reviewed. An action shall be commenced within 45 days of the date of mailing of the proposed ballot title and proposition to members of the legislature as provided in AS 15.50.010. (§ 2 ch 99 SLA 1978)