

PROCLAMATION OF REDISTRICTING
April 25, 2002

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2002 the Superior Court for the Third Judicial District at Anchorage ruled that districts 16 and 12 of the Alaska Redistricting Board's Final Plan of June 18, 2001 are unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2002 the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that in the Board's Final Plan of June 18, 2001 district 16 violates the compactness requirement of the Alaska constitution, that deviations of population in the Anchorage-area districts must be reconsidered by the Board, that the deviation in district 40 is invalid and must be corrected, that district 5 is not compact and should be redrawn unless its configuration in the Final Plan is necessary to comply with the U.S. Voting Rights Act, and that the Board should reconsider districts 12 and 32, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Supreme Court otherwise affirmed the orders of the Superior Court, and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting in Juneau on April 12 and 13, 2002 the Alaska Redistricting Board considered numerous proposals for complying with the orders of the courts, and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2002 the Board found by a unanimous vote that the configuration of district 5 is necessary to comply with the U. S. Voting Rights Act, and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2002 the Board voted unanimously to amend the Final Plan of June 18, 2001 by substituting new districts 6, 39, 40, and 7 through 32, and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2002 the Board voted unanimously to make technical refinements to certain of the amended districts, including a minor change to district 5,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI OTTE, CHAIRPERSON, PROCLAIM ON BEHALF OF THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD,

First, that house districts 6, 39, 40, and 7 through 32 described in this proclamation and report shall be substituted for the districts in the Final Plan of June 18, 2001, and

Second, that the remaining house districts set forth in the Final Plan of June 18, 2001 are unchanged except for a minor change in district 5, and

Third, that the senate districts and the assignment of senate terms set forth in the Final Plan of June 18, 2001 are unchanged, and

Fourth, that the written description of boundaries through coastal waters shall prevail in the case of conflict between the maps and electronic file of the amended plan.

Vicki Otte
Chairperson, Alaska Redistricting Board
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