

The board convened in Juneau on May 21 to begin deliberations over a final plan. During its meeting on May 21, the board heard a preliminary report from Lisa Handley, Ph.D., regarding racial bloc voting patterns in Alaska. Dr. Handley's work was commissioned by the board to support its application to the U.S. Justice Department for preclearance. The meeting recessed from time to time so the staff could prepare material for the board. It also recessed from Friday, May 25 until Wednesday, June 6. The meeting continued, with recesses from time to time, until approximately 5:40 pm on Saturday, June 9. During its meetings, the board allowed proponents of the revised plans and new plans to explain their proposals. Board member Julian Mason proposed additional revisions to the revised AFFR plan. He called this the full representation plan. The board voted to modify the full representation plan by shifting two small blocks of population between Juneau districts 3 and 4. This had the effect of restoring the districts to their existing configuration. The full representation plan, as modified by the board, was adopted as the final plan on June 9 by a vote of 3 to 2. The board directed staff to make necessary technical corrections, to produce maps, and to prepare written descriptions of the district boundaries in preparation for the proclamation on June 18, 2001.

#### Final Redistricting Plan

The table titled "Proclamation District Population Analysis" shows the senate pairings with house districts, the total population of each new house and senate district, the percentage deviation of the total population from the ideal house district size of 15,673, and the percentage of the total population that is Alaska Native (defined as people who identified themselves in the census as a single race Alaska Native or white and Alaska Native), and the total voting-age population. The overall deviation in the plan is 12 percent (-6.9 percent deviation in district 40 and +5.1 percent deviation in district 33). Seven districts have a majority of Native population: house districts 6, 37, 38, 39, 40, and senate districts S and T. Two districts have a Native population of greater than 37 percent: house district 5 and senate district C.

The final redistricting plan requires that the terms of 7 sitting senators be truncated in accordance with the criteria set forth in *Egan v. Hammond*, 502 P. 2d 256 (1972). The districts of these senators have been substantially changed. Therefore, a new election is required. The three senate districts that have not been substantially changed, and in which the sitting senator will be mid-term at the time of the 2002 election, are A, K, and S under the old system of identification. The senators in these three districts will not be required to stand for election in 2002.

The Alaska constitution requires that half of the senators be elected every two years (Article II, Section 3). Therefore, at the general election in 2002, seven of the senators will run for two year terms and ten will run for four year terms. The three mid-term senators whose terms need not be truncated will not have to run in 2002, and their seats will be designated two-year seats in the pattern of alternating two- and four-year seats. The designation of two-year and four-year seats is shown below. This designation results from

1994 Senate Districts with 2000 Populations

Proclamation		1994 Senate Districts with 2000 Populations																				Grand Total
Senate Districts		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	
A	Total Population	28,778	1,244																			30,022
	18+ Population	20,703	923																			21,626
B	Total Population		30,711																			30,711
	18+ Population		22,294																			22,294
C	Total Population	100	79	12,042														166	18,113			30,500
	18+ Population	82	56	8,484													121	11,987				20,730
D	Total Population															17,614	1,587	13,538				32,739
	18+ Population														12,958	1,047	8,943					22,948
E	Total Population														11,012	21,557						32,569
	18+ Population														7,839	15,140						22,979
F	Total Population													10,442		4,048	15,377	3,039				32,906
	18+ Population													7,403		2,767	10,670	2,025				22,865
G	Total Population													10,162	22,309							32,471
	18+ Population												6,762	14,750								21,512
H	Total Population													17,076	13,441							31,317
	18+ Population												12,247	9,298								21,545
I	Total Population							8,764					17,128	5,559								31,441
	18+ Population							5,640				11,630	3,751									21,021
J	Total Population							5,804	10,308			2,884	11,725									30,422
	18+ Population							3,879	6,704			1,664	8,095									20,542
K	Total Population											2,501	28,213									30,714
	18+ Population											1,866	20,181									22,047
L	Total Population							1,153	11,613			15,923	1,343									30,032
	18+ Population							1,049	9,083			12,027	848									23,007
M	Total Population							3,780	14,051	9,908		2,721										30,460
	18+ Population							2,872	10,470	7,883		1,981										23,206
N	Total Population							8,436	19,687			4,618										32,741
	18+ Population							5,836	13,900			3,070										22,806
O	Total Population							7,454	8,007			15,635	1,603									32,599
	18+ Population							4,946	5,831			10,837	1,091									22,705
P	Total Population							155	607			16,033	10,328						4,256			31,377
	18+ Population							128	433			11,554	6,843					3,009				21,967
Q	Total Population							17,065	15,810													32,875
	18+ Population							11,991	10,753													22,744
R	Total Population							13,913	16,436												1,015	31,384
	18+ Population							9,599	11,815												620	21,834
S	Total Population																		825	1,596		30,071
	18+ Population																		534	925		20,162
T	Total Population																				29,601	31,384
	18+ Population																				17,675	17,675
Sum of Total Population		28,878	30,790	27,199	33,656	32,307	31,474	29,762	31,830	36,186	33,074	32,140	28,853	33,597	46,192	28,626	27,192	29,081	26,333	31,197	28,565	626,932
Sum of 18+ Population		20,785	22,350	18,806	23,934	21,968	22,603	21,038	23,670	25,461	23,808	22,893	19,725	22,760	31,451	20,797	18,954	19,734	17,555	18,600	18,600	436,215

<b>Senate Terms</b>			
<b>Proclamation Senate District</b>	<b>Assignment of Term Length in '02 Election</b>	<b>Previous Senate District</b>	<b>% Proclamation Population of Previous District</b>
<b>A</b>	2*	A	95.9
<b>B</b>	4	B	100
<b>C</b>	2	R	59.3
<b>D</b>	4	O	53.8
<b>E</b>	2	P	66.2
<b>F</b>	4	Q	46.8
<b>G</b>	2	N	68.7
<b>H</b>	4	M	57.1
<b>I</b>	2	L	54.5
<b>J</b>	4	L	38.5
<b>K</b>	2*	K	91.9
<b>L</b>	4	J	53.0
<b>M</b>	2	G	46.1
<b>N</b>	4	F	60.1
<b>O</b>	2	I	47.7
<b>P</b>	4	I	51.1
<b>Q</b>	2	D	51.9
<b>R</b>	4	D	52.4
<b>S</b>	4	T	91.6
<b>T</b>	2*	S	100

\* Incumbents in these districts will not stand for reelection in 2002

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