

Protecting Alaska's Founding Document

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**DEFEND OUR
CONSTITUTION**

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Our Message: Defend Alaska's Constitution

Article 13 ~ Amendment and Revision

Article 13, Sections:

1. Amendments
2. Convention
3. Call by Referendum
4. Powers

§ 1. Amendments ~ Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing each proposed amendment, and shall place them on the ballot for the next general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the amendment, it shall be adopted. Unless otherwise provided in the amendment, it becomes effective thirty days after the certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor. [Amended 1970, 1974]

§ 2. Convention ~ The legislature may call constitutional conventions at any time.

§ 3. Call by Referendum ~ If during any ten-year period a constitutional convention has not been held, the lieutenant governor shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question: "Shall there be a

Constitutional Convention?" If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in the negative, the question need not be placed on the ballot until the end of the next ten-year period. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative, delegates to the convention shall be chosen at the next regular statewide election, unless the legislature provides for the election of the delegates at a special election. The lieutenant governor shall issue the call for the convention. Unless other provisions have been made by law, the call shall conform as nearly as possible to the act calling the Alaska Constitutional Convention of 1955, including, but not limited to, number of members, districts, election and certification of delegates, and submission and ratification of revisions and ordinances. The appropriation provisions of the call shall be self-executing and shall constitute a first claim on the state treasury. [Amended 1970]

§ 4. Powers ~ Constitutional conventions shall have plenary power to amend or revise the constitution, subject only to ratification by the people. No call for a constitutional convention shall limit these powers of the convention.

Article 14 ~ Apportionment Schedule

Repealed by 1998 Ballot Measure No. 3

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The risks outweigh the rewards. Please vote “no” on the Constitutional Convention question this November.

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Our Message – Defend Alaska’s Constitution

A convention is *unnecessary*.

- **Alaska’s constitution is strong and has served us well over the last 60 years.**
- **Alaskans have rejected a convention every time it has appeared on the ballot, opting for the amendment process.**



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A convention is *expensive*.

- **Would cost millions of dollars**
- **Create economic and social uncertainty**
- **Stymie investment in Alaska**



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A convention is *dangerous*.

- **Open a Pandora’s Box of problems:**
 - **PF/PFD at risk**
 - **Land management**
 - **Environmental regulations**
 - **Right to keep and bear arms**
 - **List of subjects is unlimited**



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Want to help or get more information?

- **Large and diverse coalition, growing every day – need more to join in and get the word out.**
- **Small groups, large groups – important issue to explain why it’s a bad and dangerous idea.**
- **Send an email to** team@defendakconstitution.com

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