

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

**IN RE 2011 REDISTRICTING  
CASES.**

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) Supreme Court No. S-14721  
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) **Order Regarding Interim  
Plan for 2012 Elections**  
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) Date of Order: May 10, 2012  
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Trial Court Case # **4FA-11-02209CI**

Consolidated Cases # **4FA-11-2213CI/1JU-11-0782CI**

Before: Carpeneti, Chief Justice, and Fabe, Winfree, and Stowers,  
Justices, and Matthews, Senior Justice.\*

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Redistricting Board's May 3, 2012 petition for an order approving its proposed interim plan is **DENIED**.

2. Pursuant to our order to show cause of May 4, 2012 we **ORDER** that the Board's Amended Proclamation Plan be adopted as an interim plan to govern the 2012 elections, except that:

3. We first **REMAND** to the Board for reformulation of the districts in Southeast Alaska. These districts are presently House Districts 31-34 and Senate Districts P and Q in the Amended Proclamation Plan. On remand, the Board must "design a plan focusing on compliance with the article VI, section 6 requirements of contiguity, compactness, and relative socioeconomic integration; it may consider local government boundaries and should use drainage and other geographic features wherever possible."<sup>1</sup>

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\* Sitting by assignment under article IV, section 11 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Administrative Rule 23(a).

<sup>1</sup> *In re 2011 Redistricting Cases*, \_\_\_P.3d\_\_\_, 2012 WL 1414341 at \*2  
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The reformulated plan should not be altered based on the Voting Rights Act (VRA) because there is no VRA justification for deviating from Alaska constitutional requirements in Southeast Alaska.

4. The Board shall submit the reformulated plan for the Southeast districts directly to this court for expedited consideration no later than 12:00 noon **May 15, 2012**. Any objections to the new districts shall be made directly to this court no later than **May 18, 2012**.

5. The Redistricting Board's Petition for Review from the superior court's order of April 20, 2012 has been submitted to this court and remains under advisement.

Entered by direction of the court.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts



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Judge McConahy

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