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IMPLEMENTING MULTIPLE DIAL PADS ON
A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A portable electronic device that allows a user to dial a telephone number using a first dial pad configuration selected from more than one dial pad configuration stored in a memory of the portable electronic device. The device may include a touch screen display, and the first dial pad configurations can include a rotary dial configuration and a writing zone configuration. The portable electronic device may also include an accelerometer, in which case the first dial pad configuration may also include a configuration that requires a user to wave the portable electronic device in the air as if to write a digit.

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