

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **revisions of the state constitution and providing that a court may not change**
3 **language of a proposed constitutional amendment or revision.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** Article XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 **Section 1. Amendments and Revisions.** Amendments to or revisions of this

7 constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature.

8 The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing each

9 proposed amendment or revision, and shall place them on the ballot for the next

10 general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the

11 amendment or revision, it shall be adopted. Unless otherwise provided in the

12 amendment or revision, it becomes effective thirty days after the certification of the

13 election returns by the lieutenant governor.

14 * **Sec. 2.** Article XIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new

15 section to read:

16 **Section 5. Changing Constitutional Proposal Prohibited.** A court may not

1 alter or change the language of an amendment or revision to this constitution proposed
2 by the legislature or by a constitutional convention.

3 * **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
4 section to read:

5 **Section 30. Retroactive Amendment.** The 2000 amendment relating to
6 revisions of the state constitution (art. XIII, sec. 1) is retroactive to January 3, 1959.

7 * **Sec. 4.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
8 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
9 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.