

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER**

**Introduced: 2/9/11**

**Referred: Education, Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to state aid for**  
2 **education.**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** Article VII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 1. Public Education.** The legislature shall by general law establish  
6 and maintain a system of public schools open to all children of the State, and may  
7 provide for other public educational institutions. Schools and institutions so  
8 established shall be free from sectarian control. [NO MONEY SHALL BE PAID  
9 FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF ANY RELIGIOUS OR  
10 OTHER PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.]

11 \* **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

12 **Section 6. Public Purpose.** No tax shall be levied, or appropriation of public  
13 money made, or public property transferred, nor shall the public credit be used, except  
14 for a public purpose; **however, nothing in this section shall prevent payment from**  
15 **public funds for the direct educational benefit of students as provided by law.**

16 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of

- 1 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
- 2 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.