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Sectional Analysis – SJR 21

“Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to increase the number of members on the judicial council and relating to the initial terms of new members appointed to the judicial council.”

Section 1: Expands the total number of Judicial Council members to sixteen. Five members will be appointed by the Alaska Bar Association and ten non-attorney members will be appointed by the governor subject to legislative confirmation. The final member remains the chief justice of the supreme court who serves as the chairman and ex-officio member.

Section 2: Allows for a transition to add the new members in staggered terms on the Judicial Council.

Section 3: Places the constitutional amendment before the voters during the next general election.