

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR KELLY

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to increase the number**
2 **of members on the judicial council; relating to the initial terms of new members**
3 **appointed to the judicial council; and relating to the confirmation of members of the**
4 **judicial council.**

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

6 * **Section 1.** Article IV, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

7 **Section 8. Judicial Council.** The judicial council shall consist of **ten**
8 [SEVEN] members. Three attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by
9 the governing body of the organized state bar. **Six** [THREE] non-attorney members
10 shall be appointed for six-year terms by the governor. **The three attorney members**
11 **and six non-attorney members shall be** subject to confirmation by a majority of the
12 members of the legislature in joint session. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired
13 term in like manner. Appointments shall be made with due consideration to area
14 representation and without regard to political affiliation. The chief justice of the
15 supreme court shall be ex-officio the **tenth** [SEVENTH] member and chairman of the

1 judicial council. No member of the judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold
2 any other office or position of profit under the United States or the State. The judicial
3 council shall act by a majority vote [CONCURRENCE] of a quorum of at least
4 seven [FOUR OR MORE] members and according to rules which it adopts.

5 * **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 **Section 30. Judicial Council Additional Members.** If the 2016 amendment
8 increasing the membership of the judicial council (art. IV, sec. 8) is adopted, the first
9 term for the new non-attorney members of the judicial council shall be for two, four,
10 and six years respectively.

11 * **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
12 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
13 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.