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Sectional Analysis – SJR 3

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

<u>Section 1</u>: Expands the total number of Judicial Council members to ten. Three members will be appointed by the Alaska Bar Association and six non-attorney members will be appointed by the governor. All members are subject to legislative confirmation. The final member remains the chief justice of the Alaska Supreme Court who serves as the chairman and ex-officio member.

The judicial council shall act by a majority vote of a quorum of at least seven members.

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

<u>Section 3</u>: Places the constitutional amendment before the voters during the next general election.