

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

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

* **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

Section 15. Alaska Permanent Fund. (a) At least twenty-five percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments and bonuses received by the State shall be placed in a permanent fund, [THE PRINCIPAL OF] which shall be used [ONLY] for [THOSE] income-producing investments specifically designated by law as eligible for permanent fund investments. Except as provided in (b), (c), and (d) of this section, all [ALL] income from the permanent fund shall be retained [DEPOSITED] in the [GENERAL] fund [UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW].

* **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Each fiscal year, the legislature may appropriate from the permanent fund to the general fund an amount that is not more than five percent of the average fiscal-

1 year-end market value of the permanent fund for the first five of the preceding six
2 fiscal years, including the fiscal year just ended.

3 (c) The legislature may appropriate more than the amount described in (b) of
4 this section in a fiscal year upon the affirmative vote of five-sixths of the members of
5 each house of the legislature.

6 (d) The permanent fund may be used to pay costs associated with investments
7 made under (a) of this section.

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

10 **Section 30. Permanent Fund Amendments: Transition.** (a) On June 30,
11 2021, the unencumbered balance of the earnings reserve account established by law
12 shall be deposited in the Alaska permanent fund and become part of the principal of
13 the fund.

14 (b) The 2020 amendments relating to the Alaska permanent fund (art. IX, sec.
15 15) apply to appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and
16 thereafter.

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