

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HJR 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Page 1, line 2:

Delete "**and**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**dividend**":

Insert "**, and the appropriation limit**"

Page 1, line 11:

Delete "**(b), (c) and (d) of**"

Page 1, line 14, through page 2, line 19:

Delete all material and insert:

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

(b) Every two years, not later than the candidate filing deadline for the next regular election, with the affirmative vote of each house of the legislature, the legislature may, by law, propose an amount to be transferred from the permanent fund for each of the following two fiscal years. The governor may strike or reduce the amount proposed to be transferred under this subsection. If the amount proposed for transfer is over zero, the lieutenant governor shall place a question on the next general election ballot, approving or rejecting the proposed amount to be transferred from the permanent fund, as adjusted by the governor, if applicable.

(c) If the voters approve the amount proposed under (b) of this section, fifty percent of the amount proposed shall be transferred to the general fund and fifty

1 percent shall be transferred to the dividend fund established under Section 18 of this
2 article.

3 (d) If the voters reject the amount proposed under (b) of this section, seventy-
4 five percent of the amount proposed under (b) of this section shall be transferred from
5 the permanent fund. Fifty percent of the amount proposed under (b) of this section
6 shall be transferred to the dividend fund established under Section 18 of this Article
7 and the remainder shall be transferred to the general fund.

8 (e) The transfer proposed for the first fiscal year under this section shall take
9 place on the first day of the fiscal year that begins immediately following the date of
10 the general election certification. The transfer proposed for the second fiscal year
11 under this section shall take place on the first day of the following fiscal year.

12 (f) A transfer proposed under this section may not exceed the appropriation
13 limit set out in Section 16 of this article.

14 * **Sec. 3.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

15 **Section 16. Appropriation Limit.** Except for appropriations [FOR ALASKA
16 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS, APPROPRIATIONS] of revenue bond
17 proceeds, appropriations required to pay the principal and interest on general
18 obligation bonds, and appropriations of money received from a non-State source in
19 trust for a specific purpose, including revenues of a public enterprise or public
20 corporation of the State that issues revenue bonds, appropriations from the treasury,
21 including appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund, made for a fiscal year
22 shall not exceed \$2,500,000,000 by more than the cumulative change, derived from
23 federal indices as prescribed by law, in population and inflation since July 1, 1981.
24 Within this limit, at least one-third shall be reserved for capital projects and loan
25 appropriations. The legislature may exceed this limit in bills for appropriations to the
26 Alaska permanent fund and in bills for appropriations for capital projects, whether of
27 bond proceeds or otherwise, if each bill is approved by the governor, or passed by
28 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of the legislature over a veto or
29 item veto, or becomes law without signature, and is also approved by the voters as
30 prescribed by law. Each bill for appropriations for capital projects in excess of the
31 limit shall be confined to capital projects of the same type, and the voters shall, as

provided by law, be informed of the cost of operations and maintenance of the capital projects. No other appropriation in excess of this limit may be made except to meet a state of disaster declared by the governor as prescribed by law. The governor shall cause any unexpended and unappropriated balance to be invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the treasury.

* **Sec. 4.** Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 18. Dividend Fund. Each year, as provided in Section 15 of this article, an amount shall be transferred to a dividend fund. The balance of the fund shall be used for the payment of dividends to residents of the State each year."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Page 2, line 22:

Delete "**Permanent Fund**"

Insert "**2022**"

Page 2, line 27:

Delete "apply to appropriations made for"

Insert "and the appropriation limit (art. IX, sec. 16) apply to"

Page 2, line 29, through page 3, line 11:

Delete all material and insert:

"(c) Notwithstanding the requirement that voters approve draws from the permanent fund under Article IX, secs. 15(b), (c), and (d), Constitution of the State of Alaska, an amount may be transferred from the permanent fund for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 if the legislature puts an advisory vote on the ballot, at the same election in which voters will consider the 2022 amendments to Sections 15 and 16 of Article IX, and adding Section 18 to Article IX, that sets out the amount of the transfers and asks whether the voters approve of the amount of the transfer. The amount shall be transferred regardless of the outcome of the advisory vote."