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## **SJR 19 – Sectional Analysis**

### **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT: APPROP LIMIT**

**“Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.”**

**Section 1: Amends Article IX, § 16. “Appropriation Limit” Constitution of State of Alaska.**

Establishes a new appropriation limit in which appropriations shall not exceed a five-year rolling average of the value of personal income of residents of the state of Alaska. The percentage that applies shall be determined by law or fourteen percent; whichever is less. Personal income of Alaska residents shall be estimated by the federal bureau responsible for economic analysis and calculations shall not include compensation for state and local government employees and shall not include distributions of the permanent fund. Provides that the state legislature may appropriate an additional amount for capital improvement more than the limit upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house, except the total amount appropriated shall not exceed an amount equal to fourteen percent of the average calculated.

Establishes additional exceptions to the appropriation limit including appropriations to the Alaska permanent fund, general obligation bond proceeds, appropriations required to pay the principal and interest on revenue bonds, appropriations to a state account or fund that requires a subsequent appropriation from that account or fund as prescribed by law, and appropriations to meet a state of disaster declared by the governor as prescribed by law. Clarifies that the exception of appropriations of money received from non-State source in trust for a specific purpose, includes corporate receipts rather than revenues of a public enterprise or public corporation of the state.

**Section 2: Amends Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.**

Creates a new section titled “Application of Appropriation Limit” (§ 30). Applies for appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and thereafter.

**Section 3: Provisions for constitutional amendments proposed**

States that the amendments that are proposed by the resolution will be placed before the voters at the next general election.

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