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Senate Joint Resolution 2 Sponsor Statement — Version A

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto."

Senate Joint Resolution 2 proposes an amendment to Article II, section 16 of the Alaska Constitution. The Constitution requires a three-fourths vote of the legislature sitting in joint session to override a veto for revenue and appropriations bills or items. It requires only two-thirds of the legislature to override a policy bill.

Alaska is the only state that has a three-fourths requirement to override the governor's veto on revenue and appropriation matters. All other states have lower requirements to override a revenue or appropriations veto. Applying a two-thirds standard to revenue and appropriations vetoes will support a better-functioning balance of power between the executive and legislative branches.

SJR 2 proposes changing the requirement to override a veto on revenue and appropriation bills or items from three-fourths of the legislature to two-thirds of the legislature. This would make the override requirements the same as all vetoed legislation.

If Senate Joint Resolution 2 passes the legislature, the resolution will appear on the ballot for registered Alaskan voters to consider in the November 2026 election. Amending this provision in our constitution will strengthen the legislature's ability to check the executive branch and improve the public's ability to influence executive and legislative decisions on revenue and appropriation matters.