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Sectional Analysis

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“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring the governor to submit a balanced budget to the legislature”

Section 1 – Page 1, line 6 through line 11 – This section becomes subsection (a) under Article IX, section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, in order to add the provision in section two if the underlying bill.

Section 2 – Page 1, line 12 through Page 2, line 7 – New subsection (b) is added to Article IX, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, specifying the Governor’s initial budget submission’s expenditures may not exceed “available fund balances”, and “available fund balances” does not include money in the constitutional budget reserve fund.

Section 3 – Page 2, lines 8 through 14 – Section three of the bill is the effective date clause of January 1, 2027, meaning should the measure pass, the Governor elected in 2026 would be subject to the provisions of the amendment for their budget submittal in December 2027, thus allowing some time for the next administration to conduct budget planning accordingly.

Section 4 – Page 2, lines 14 through 16 – Section four is standard constitutional amendment language directing the division of elections to place the amendment before the voters during the next general election.