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Senate Joint Resolution 15 Sponsor Statement — Version A

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

Senate Joint Resolution 15 amends the Constitution of the State of Alaska by 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 in joint session. If Senate Joint Resolution 15 passes the legislature, it will put the resolution on the ballot for registered Alaskan voters to consider in the next general election.

According to *Alaska's Constitution: A Citizen's Guide* published by the Legislative Affairs Agency, “[f]ew other states make the distinction between a bill dealing with substantive law and an appropriation bill.” Alaska may be the only state that has a three-fourths requirement to override the governor’s veto on revenue and appropriation matters.

Amending this provision in our constitution will strengthen the legislature and improve the public’s ability to influence executive and legislative decisions on revenue matters.