

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and speaking for myself.

I wonder why it is that the minority is so against valid, thoughtful and positive amendments to the Alaska Constitution? Yet, they want inflation proofing for education which will violate the Alaska Constitution which says no binding of expenditures for future legislatures (Article 9, section 12). Yet, the minority, when they lose a key vote, they resort to endorsing an election to over-ride solid legislation, which then creates conflict and uncertainty for business', which then impacts substantially on the income to the State!

HJR 18 puts in the hands of We the People, the election of a major key player for Alaska. We presently have an United States AG, Eric Holder, who is totally political, appointed by a President who is doing all he can to be the first dictator and supportive of unlawful executive orders.

With our present appointment process of the State AG, could this happen as well with an out of control Governor and AG as his cohort? Yes, it could because he/she is appointed, not elected. As an elected AG, this could happen still but we have the ability to recall as per Article 11, section 8.

The present AG's are fulfilling their office for an average of 18 months vs the full 4 years. This is creating leadership problems in the Department of Law and less consistency in effective fights against an over-reaching and growing Federal dictatorship in Washington D.C. We need consistency in the Department of Law, with people who work for We the People, not an administration. As with big government, once a bureaucrat is hired, they stay until they die or quit. I am sure, based on opinions I have seen on legislation, that this is the case with lawyers in the department that got there under more progressive AG's and Governors. We need an AG who can clean house of progressive lawyers who mis-interpret the law and far too many times give bad advice to the legislature on bills.

I fully support the election of the AG, not on the same ballot as those running for Governor and Lt Governor. This position needs to be totally separate from the Governor. True, we may then get a AG from the opposite party than the Governor. Yes, that could be an adversarial situation and may create division, in my view that can be a good thing. But in the case of Katy John, it would have been good to have an AG that would have stood against Governor Knowles on his dropping that case, for our State Sovereignty today may look a lot different if that had gone forward to the US Supreme Court!

Please pass out HJR 18 and let's get us, the voters, We the People to review, debate and vote this up or down!

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