

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/5/19

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska**
2 **permanent fund and the permanent fund dividend.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 15. Alaska Permanent Fund. (a)** At least twenty-five percent of all
6 mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing
7 payments and bonuses received by the State shall be placed in a permanent fund, the
8 principal of which shall be used only for those income-producing investments
9 specifically designated by law as eligible for permanent fund investments. **Except as**
10 **provided under (b) of this section, all** [ALL] income from the permanent fund shall
11 be deposited in the general fund unless otherwise provided by law.

12 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new
13 subsections to read:

14 (b) Each fiscal year, a portion of the income from the permanent fund shall be
15 transferred solely for a program of dividend payments to residents of the State as

1 provided by law as it read on January 1, 2019, unless a change to the law is approved
2 by the voters under (c) of this section. An appropriation under Section 13 of this
3 article is not necessary for a transfer under this subsection.

4 (c) Notwithstanding Section 18 of Article II, a law enacted under Sections 14 -
5 17 of Article II that would amend the program of dividend payments to State residents
6 under (b) of this section, including the amount of the dividend and eligibility
7 requirements, shall not take effect unless approved by the voters of the State in the
8 next statewide election held more than one hundred twenty days after enactment of the
9 law. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing
10 the law and shall place it on the ballot. If a majority of the votes cast on the
11 proposition favor its adoption, it shall become effective on the later of ninety days
12 after the certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor or an effective
13 date provided for by concurrence of two-thirds of the membership of each house. If a
14 majority of votes cast on the proposition favor its rejection, the law is rejected and
15 does not take effect.

16 * **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
17 section to read:

18 **Section 30. Permanent Fund Amendments: Transition.** For purposes of the
19 2020 amendments to Section 15 of Article IX, the law in place January 1, 2019, is the
20 program of dividend payments under Section 15(b) of Article IX, subject to the
21 enactment of a law amending the program of dividend payments in accordance with
22 the requirements of Section 15(c) of Article IX. Any amendments to the program of
23 dividend payments enacted after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2021, are
24 repealed.

25 * **Sec. 4.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
26 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
27 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.