

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR SHOWER

Introduced: 1/16/19

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **membership of the judicial council.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article IV, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 8. Judicial Council.** The judicial council shall consist of seven
6 members. Three attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the
7 governing body of the organized state bar **subject to confirmation by a majority of**
8 **the members of the legislature in joint session.** Three non-attorney members shall
9 be appointed for six-year terms by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority
10 of the members of the legislature in joint session. Vacancies shall be filled for the
11 unexpired term in like manner. Appointments shall be made with due consideration to
12 area representation and without regard to political affiliation. The chief justice of the
13 supreme court shall be ex-officio the seventh member and chairman of the judicial
14 council. No member of the judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold any
15 other office or position of profit under the United States or the State. The judicial
16 council shall act by concurrence of four or more members and according to rules

1 which it adopts.

2 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the
3 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
4 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.