

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/20/19

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 the law as that law read on January 1, 2019, subject to any law approved by the voters
2 under (c) of this section. No appropriation under Section 13 of this article shall be
3 necessary under this subsection.

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

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

16 **Section 30. Permanent Fund Amendments: Transition.** For purposes of the
17 2020 amendments to the permanent fund (art. IX, sec. 15), the law in place January 1,
18 2019 is the program of dividend payments under Section 15(b) of Article IX, subject
19 to the enactment of a law amending the program of dividend payments in accordance
20 with the requirements of Section 15(c) of Article IX. Any amendments to the program
21 of dividend payments enacted after January 1, 2019, but prior to January 1, 2021, are
22 repealed.

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