

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FIN)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/23/95**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THERRIAULT, Rokeberg, Porter, Green, Bunde, Toohey, Parnell**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms**  
**2 of legislators.**

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

**4 \* Section 1.** Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

**5 SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERMS. (a)** Legislators shall be elected at  
**6 general elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the January following**  
**7 election unless otherwise provided by law. The term of representatives shall be two**  
**8 years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be elected**  
**9 every two years. A person may not serve consecutively during more than twelve**  
**10 regular sessions in the legislature. Thereafter, the person may not again serve in**  
**11 the legislature as a result of election or appointment to fill a vacancy until at least**  
**12 two consecutive full regular sessions have elapsed during which the person has not**  
**13 served.**

**14 \* Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new  
**15 subsections to read:**

**16 (b)** For purposes of applying the tenure limit under (a) of this section, periods

1 served in the legislature during the interim between sessions or during special sessions  
2 shall not be considered.

3 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person may complete a new term to  
4 which elected if the person has served consecutively during no more than eleven regular  
5 sessions in the legislature immediately before the beginning of the new term.

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

8 SECTION 29. APPLICATION OF 1996 TENURE LIMIT AMENDMENT.  
9 Regular sessions served in the legislature before the convening of the First Regular  
10 Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature shall not be considered for purposes  
11 of applying the tenure limit added by the 1996 amendment to Section 3 of Article II.

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