

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

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/15/95
Referred: Finance

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

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. Unless a member of one house resigns and is appointed to
3 office in the other house, periods served in the legislature as a result of appointment to
4 fill a vacancy shall not be considered for purposes of determining whether the tenure
5 limit has been reached.

6 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person may complete a four-year senate
7 term to which elected if the person has served consecutively during no more than ten
8 regular sessions in the legislature immediately before the beginning of the senate term.

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

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

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