

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Introduced: 1/22/96

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **budget reserve fund.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 17(a), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 (a) There is established as a separate fund in the State treasury the budget
6 reserve fund. **The purpose of the budget reserve fund is to help stabilize State**
7 **spending from year to year.** Except for money deposited into the permanent fund
8 under Section 15 of this article, all money received by the State after July 1, 1990, as
9 a result of the termination, through settlement or otherwise, of an administrative
10 proceeding or of litigation in a State or federal court involving mineral lease bonuses,
11 rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments or
12 bonuses, or involving taxes imposed on mineral income, production, or property, shall
13 be deposited in the budget reserve fund. Money in the budget reserve fund shall be
14 invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the fund. Income of the fund shall
15 be retained in the fund. Section 7 of this article does not apply to deposits made to
16 the fund under this subsection. Money may be appropriated from the fund only as

1 authorized under (b) or (c) of this section.

2 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 17(b), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

3 (b) If the amount **of unrestricted revenue** available [FOR APPROPRIATION]
4 for a fiscal year is less than the **combined** amount **of unrestricted revenue and**
5 **money from the budget reserve fund** appropriated for the previous fiscal year, an
6 appropriation may be made from the [BUDGET RESERVE] fund. However, the
7 amount appropriated from the fund under this subsection may not exceed the amount
8 necessary [, WHEN ADDED TO OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR
9 APPROPRIATION,] to provide for total appropriations **of unrestricted revenue and**
10 **money from the fund** equal to the amount of appropriations made **from these sources**
11 [IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR] for the previous fiscal year. **The**
12 **legislature shall implement this subsection by law. For purposes of this**
13 **subsection, "unrestricted revenue" means all money received by the State during**
14 **a fiscal year except money held in trust, received from the federal government for**
15 **a particular purpose, or dedicated for a particular purpose as permitted by this**
16 **constitution.**

17 * **Sec. 3.** Article IX, sec. 17(d), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed.

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