

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning the**
2 **balancing of the federal budget.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the House of Representatives of the 104th Congress of the United States
5 passed H.J. Res. 1, on January 26, 1995, a resolution proposing the following amendment to
6 the United States Constitution:

7 *"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
8 *States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring*
9 *therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the*
10 *Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and*
11 *purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-*
12 *fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission*
13 *to the States for ratification:*

14 **'ARTICLE -**

15 **'SECTION 1.** Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total
16 receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each

1 House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over
2 receipts by a rollcall vote.

3 'SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held by the
4 public shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each
5 House shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

6 'SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to
7 the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that
8 fiscal year in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

9 'SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become law unless
10 approved by a majority of the whole number of each House by a rollcall vote.

11 'SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article
12 for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of
13 this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
14 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military
15 threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by
16 a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.

17 'SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and implement this article
18 by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts.

19 'SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United
20 States Government except those derived from borrowing. Total outlays shall
21 include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for
22 repayment of debt principal.

23 'SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning with fiscal year
24 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever
25 is later.'";

26 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature ratifies the proposed amendment
27 to the United States Constitution as set out in the House Resolution.

28 **COPIES** of this resolution, properly certified, shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore,
29 Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable
30 Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Frank G.
31 Burke, Archivist of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

1 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
2 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.