

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **transmittal of bills after passage, enactment of bills without the governor's**
3 **signature, to vetoes, and to consideration by the legislature of vetoed bills.**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 14, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

6 SECTION 14. PASSAGE OF BILLS. **(a)** The legislature shall establish the
7 procedure for enactment of bills into law. No bill may become law unless it has
8 passed three readings in each house on three separate days, except that any bill may
9 be advanced from second to third reading on the same day by concurrence of
10 three-fourths of the house considering it. No bill may become law without an
11 affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of each house. The yeas and nays
12 on final passage shall be entered in the journal.

13 **(b) After final passage a bill shall be returned to the clerk or secretary of**
14 **the house in which it originated within twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays. If**
15 **a bill is not returned within this period it shall be considered to have been**
16 **returned and the clerk or secretary of the house of origin shall immediately**

1 prepare a duplicate that shall be substituted for the original bill. Within seven
2 days after receipt of the bill or preparation of a duplicate by the clerk or
3 secretary, the clerk or secretary shall transmit it to the governor.

4 * **Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 SECTION 15. VETO. The governor may veto bills passed by the legislature.
6 He may, by veto, strike or reduce items in appropriation bills. He shall return any
7 vetoed bill, with a statement of his objections **and with information supporting his**
8 **veto decision**, to the house of origin.

9 * **Sec. 3.** Article II, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

10 SECTION 16. ACTION UPON VETO. **(a) If a house of the legislature**
11 **receives** [UPON RECEIPT OF] a veto message **while both houses are in** [DURING
12 A] regular session **and no later than one hundred and fifteen calendar days after**
13 **the date the session convened** [OF THE LEGISLATURE], the legislature shall meet
14 **on the fifth day after receipt of the message** [IMMEDIATELY] in joint session and
15 **shall provide the members an opportunity to bring up reconsideration**
16 [RECONSIDER PASSAGE] of the vetoed bill or item. Bills to raise revenue and
17 appropriation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by affirmative vote of three-
18 fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed bills become law by
19 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the legislature.

20 **(b) If a house of the legislature receives a veto message while one or both**
21 **houses is adjourned from a** [BILLS VETOED AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE
22 FIRST] regular session **or later than one hundred and fifteen calendar days after**
23 **the date the session convened,** [OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE RECON-
24 SIDERED BY] the legislature **shall meet on** [SITTING AS ONE BODY NO LATER
25 THAN] the fifth day of the next regular or special session **in joint session and shall**
26 **provide the members an opportunity to bring up reconsideration of the vetoed bill**
27 **or item** [OF THAT LEGISLATURE. BILLS VETOED AFTER ADJOURNMENT
28 OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION SHALL BE RECONSIDERED BY THE
29 LEGISLATURE SITTING AS ONE BODY NO LATER THAN THE FIFTH DAY OF
30 A SPECIAL SESSION OF THAT LEGISLATURE, IF ONE IS CALLED]. The vote
31 on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be entered on the journals of both houses.

1 **(c) Forty days after the last house adjourned from a regular session, each**
2 **member of the house shall contact the house clerk and each member of the senate**
3 **shall contact the senate secretary and indicate, in the affirmative or negative**
4 **without qualification, whether the legislature should meet in special session to**
5 **reconsider vetoed bills. If at least forty members request a special session, the**
6 **session shall convene on a date agreed upon by the presiding officers that is**
7 **within seventy days after the last house adjourned from regular session. If a**
8 **member fails to contact the clerk or secretary as required under this subsection,**
9 **the member shall be considered to have requested a special session.**

10 * **Sec. 4.** Article II, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

11 SECTION 17. BILLS NOT SIGNED. A bill becomes law if, [WHILE THE
12 LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION, THE GOVERNOR NEITHER SIGNS NOR
13 VETOES IT] within fifteen days, Sundays excepted, after its delivery to him, **the**
14 **governor fails to return the vetoed bill with the veto message to the house of**
15 **origin or returns the bill without signing or vetoing it.** [IF THE LEGISLATURE
16 IS NOT IN SESSION AND THE GOVERNOR NEITHER SIGNS NOR VETOES A
17 BILL WITHIN TWENTY DAYS, SUNDAYS EXCEPTED, AFTER ITS DELIVERY
18 TO HIM, THE BILL BECOMES LAW.]

19 * **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
20 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
21 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.