

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/23/96

Referred: JUD, FIN

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DONLEY

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the
2 transmittal of bills after passage, to vetoes, and to consideration by the legislature
3 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 forty-eight 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 fourteen
2 days, excluding Sundays, after receipt of the bill or preparation of a duplicate by
3 the clerk or 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 fourteen calendar days after**
13 **the date the session convened** [OF THE LEGISLATURE], the legislature shall meet
14 **no later than the fifth day, excluding Sundays, after receipt of the message**
15 [IMMEDIATELY] in joint session and **shall provide the members an opportunity**
16 **to bring up reconsideration** [RECONSIDER PASSAGE] of the vetoed bill or item.
17 **If a house of the legislature receives a veto message after one or both houses have**
18 **adjourned from a first regular session or later than one hundred and fourteen**
19 **calendar days after the date that first regular session convened, the legislature**
20 **shall meet no later than the fifth day, excluding Sundays, of the next regular or**
21 **special session in joint session and shall provide the members an opportunity to**
22 **bring up reconsideration of the vetoed bill or item. If a house of the legislature**
23 **receives a veto message after one or both houses have adjourned from a second**
24 **regular session or later than one hundred and fourteen calendar days after the**
25 **date that second regular session convened, and if a special session is held before**
26 **the next regular session, the legislature shall meet no later than the fifth day,**
27 **excluding Sundays, of that special session to provide the members an opportunity**
28 **to bring up reconsideration of the vetoed bill or item. Joint sessions held under**
29 **this subsection are mandatory and, notwithstanding the limitations on the**
30 **duration of sessions under Sections 8 and 9 of this article, the legislature may not**
31 **adjourn from any session without first convening in joint session if required to do**

1 so under this subsection.

2 (b) Forty days after the last house adjourned from a first or second
3 regular session, each member of the house shall contact the house clerk and each
4 member of the senate shall contact the senate secretary and indicate in writing,
5 in the affirmative or negative without qualification, whether the legislature should
6 meet in special session to reconsider vetoed bills. If at least forty members
7 request a special session, the session shall convene on a date agreed upon by the
8 presiding officers that is within seventy days after the last house adjourned from
9 regular session or, if no date is agreed upon, the legislature shall convene on the
10 seventieth day after the last house adjourned from regular session. If a member
11 fails to contact the clerk or secretary as required under this subsection, the
12 member shall be considered to have requested a special session.

13 (c) Bills to raise revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed,
14 become law by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of the legislature.
15 Other vetoed bills become law by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of
16 the legislature. [BILLS VETOED AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST
17 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE RECONSIDERED BY THE
18 LEGISLATURE SITTING AS ONE BODY NO LATER THAN THE FIFTH DAY OF
19 THE NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION OF THAT LEGISLATURE. BILLS
20 VETOED AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
21 SHALL BE RECONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE SITTING AS ONE BODY
22 NO LATER THAN THE FIFTH DAY OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THAT
23 LEGISLATURE, IF ONE IS CALLED.] The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill
24 shall be entered on the journals of both houses.

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