

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/96

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS PEARCE, Taylor

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **voter approval of amendments of the Alaska Statehood Act affecting an interest**
3 **of the State of Alaska under that Act.**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Article XII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 SECTION 14. VOTER APPROVAL OF FEDERAL AMENDMENT TO
8 STATEHOOD ACT AFFECTING AN INTEREST OF THE STATE UNDER THAT
9 ACT. A federal statute or proposed federal statute that affects an interest of this State
10 under the Act admitting Alaska to the Union is ineffective as against the State interest
11 unless approved by the people of the State. The legislature may, by a resolution
12 passed by a two-thirds vote of each house, place the question of approval of the
13 federal statute on the ballot for the next general election unless in the resolution
14 placing the question of approval, the legislature requires the question to be placed
15 before the voters at a special election. The approval of the federal statute by the
16 people of the State is not effective unless the federal statute described in the resolution

1 is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the State who vote on the question.
2 Unless a summary of the question is provided in the resolution passed by the
3 legislature, the lieutenant governor shall prepare an impartial summary of the question.
4 The lieutenant governor shall present the question to the voters so that a "yes" vote on
5 the question is a vote to approve the federal statute.
6 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
7 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
8 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.