

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31(FIN) am H**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/4/96**

**Offered: 3/14/96**

**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 a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature or approved by**  
**12 the people of the State. The legislature may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote**  
**13 of each house, place the question of approval of the federal statute on the ballot for**  
**14 the next general election unless in the resolution placing the question of approval, the**  
**15 legislature requires the question to be placed before the voters at a special election.**  
**16 The approval of the federal statute by the people of the State is not effective unless**

1 the federal statute described in the resolution is ratified by a majority of the qualified  
2 voters of the State who vote on the question. Unless a summary of the question is  
3 provided in the resolution passed by the legislature, the lieutenant governor shall  
4 prepare an impartial summary of the question. The lieutenant governor shall present  
5 the question to the voters so that a "yes" vote on the question is a vote to approve the  
6 federal statute.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
8 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
9 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.