

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**  
**2 constitutional defense council.**

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

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

**6 SECTION 22. CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL.** There is  
**7 established in the legislative branch the constitutional defense council. The**  
**8 constitutional defense council may, on behalf of the State, bring actions or intervene**  
**9 in actions involving questions of State or federal constitutional law. Notwithstanding**  
**10 Section 5 of this article, the presiding officers of each house serve as ex officio**  
**11 members of the council, together with the governor and the attorney general. Five**  
**12 appointed members also serve on the council, each subject to confirmation by a**  
**13 majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. One member is appointed**  
**14 by the governor, two are appointed by the presiding officer of the house of**  
**15 representatives, and two are appointed by the presiding officer of the senate.**  
**16 Appointed members serve for five-year terms and may be removed by the appointing**

1 authority only for cause.

2 \* **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
3 section to read:

4 SECTION. 29. INITIAL TERMS OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE  
5 COUNCIL MEMBERS. (a) Notwithstanding the term of office for appointed  
6 members of the constitutional defense council established in Section 22 of Article II,  
7 initial terms are as follows:

8 (1) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of  
9 representatives, one year;

10 (2) one member appointed by the governor, two years;

11 (3) one member appointed by the president of the senate, three years;

12 (4) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives, four years; and

14 (5) one member appointed by the president of the senate, five years.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
16 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
17 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.