

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MASEK

Introduced: 3/5/97

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **preferred use of fish, wildlife, and other replenishable resources and prohibiting**
3 **the use of the initiative and referendum in regard to certain matters relating to**
4 **fish, wildlife, and other replenishable resources.**

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

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

8 **Section 19. Preferred Use of Fish, Wildlife, and Other Replenishable**
9 **Resources.** The nonwasteful harvest of fish, wildlife, and other replenishable
10 resources belonging to the State is preferred over other uses of those resources.

11 * **Sec. 2.** Article XI, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

12 **Section 7. Restrictions.** The initiative shall not be used to dedicate revenues,
13 make or repeal appropriations, create courts, define the jurisdiction of courts or
14 prescribe their rules, **provide for the utilization, development, or conservation of**
15 **fish, wildlife, and other replenishable resources**, or enact local or special legislation.

16 The referendum shall not be applied to dedications of revenue, to appropriations, to

1 local or special legislation, **to the utilization, development, or conservation of fish,**
2 **wildlife, and other replenishable resources,** or to laws necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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