

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47(FIN)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/1/98**  
**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COWDERY, Phillips, Green, Rokeberg, Ryan, Kohring, Ogan, Vezey**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring**  
**2 legislative confirmation of the appointed members of the judicial council.**

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

**4 \* Section 1.** Article IV, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

**5 Section 8. Judicial Council.** The judicial council shall consist of seven  
**6 members. Three attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the**  
**7 governing body of the organized state bar. Three non-attorney members shall be**  
**8 appointed for six-year terms by the governor. Appointments under this section shall**  
**9 be subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint**  
**10 session. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in like manner.**  
**11 Appointments shall be made with due consideration to area representation and without**  
**12 regard to political affiliation. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be ex-officio**  
**13 the seventh member and chair [CHAIRMAN] of the judicial council. No member of**  
**14 the judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold any other office or position of**  
**15 profit under the United States or the State. The judicial council shall act by**  
**16 concurrence of four or more members and according to rules that [WHICH] it adopts.**

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