

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR TAYLOR

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Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring that**
2 **the provisions of a bill that levy new state taxes require the affirmative vote of**
3 **at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature.**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 14, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 **Section 14. Passage of Bills.** The legislature shall establish the procedure for
7 enactment of bills into law. No bill may become law unless it has passed three
8 readings in each house on three separate days, except that any bill may be advanced
9 from second to third reading on the same day by concurrence of three-fourths of the
10 house considering it. **Subject to other provisions of this constitution, no** [NO] bill
11 may become law without an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of each
12 house. The yeas and nays on final passage shall be entered in the journal.

13 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

14 **Section 1. Taxing Power.** The power of taxation shall never be surrendered.
15 This power shall not be suspended or contracted away, except as provided in this
16 article. **The provisions of a bill that levy a State tax may not become law without**

1 **an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the**
2 **legislature.**

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