

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring that**  
2 **provisions of a bill that levy a state tax, increase the rate of a state tax levy,**  
3 **or repeal or reduce an exemption from a state tax levy require the affirmative**  
4 **vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question.**

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

6 \* **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

7 **Section 1. Taxing Power.** The power of taxation shall never be surrendered.

8 This power shall not be suspended or contracted away, except as provided in this  
9 article. **The provisions of a bill that rely on the power of taxation and that levy**

10 **a State tax, increase the rate of a State tax levy, or repeal or reduce an exemption**

11 **from a State tax levy shall not become law without ratification by a majority of**

12 **the qualified voters of the State who vote on the question. The method for**

13 **referral to the people of provisions of a bill that levy a State tax, increase the rate**

14 **of a State tax levy, or repeal or reduce an exemption from a State tax levy shall**

15 **be prescribed by law.**

16 \* **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of

- 1 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
- 2 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.