

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR WARD

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Referred: State Affairs, 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 or increase the rate of a state**
3 **tax require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each**
4 **house of the legislature.**

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

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

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

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

15 **Section 1. Taxing Power.** The power of taxation shall never be surrendered.
16 This power shall not be suspended or contracted away, except as provided in this

1 article. **The provisions of a bill that levy a new State tax or increase the rate of**
2 **a State tax may not become law without an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds**
3 **of the membership of each house of the legislature.**

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.