

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/16/00

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Sponsor(s): SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska providing that**
2 **the governor and lieutenant governor be elected by a majority vote; and changing**
3 **the term of office of the governor and lieutenant governor.**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Article III, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 **Section 3. Election.** The governor shall be chosen by the qualified voters of
7 the State at a general election. The candidate receiving **at least 50 percent plus one**
8 **of the votes cast for the office** [THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES] shall be
9 governor. **If no candidate receives at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast**
10 **at the general election, a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the**
11 **greatest number of votes shall be held, as prescribed by law.**

12 * **Sec. 2.** Article III, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

13 **Section 4. Term of Office.** The term of office of the governor is four years,
14 beginning at noon on the **third Monday in February** [FIRST MONDAY IN
15 DECEMBER] following his election and ending at noon on the **third Monday in**
16 **February** [FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER] four years later.

1 * **Sec. 3.** Article III, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

2 **Section 8. Same - Election.** The lieutenant governor shall be nominated in
3 the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other elective offices. In
4 the general election **and any runoff election**, the votes cast for a candidate for
5 governor shall be considered as cast also for the candidate for lieutenant governor
6 running jointly with **the candidate for governor** [HIM]. The candidate whose name
7 appears on the ballot jointly with that of the successful candidate for governor shall
8 be elected lieutenant governor.

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