

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR PARNELL

Introduced: 1/10/00

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms**
2 **of legislators and to the time of convening and length of regular sessions of the**
3 **legislature.**

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

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

6 **Section 3. Election and Terms.** Legislators shall be elected at general
7 elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the **February** [JANUARY]
8 following election unless otherwise provided by law. The term of representatives shall
9 be two years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be
10 elected every two years.

11 * **Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

12 **Section 8. Regular Sessions.** The legislature shall convene in regular session
13 each year on the fourth Monday in **February** [JANUARY], but the month and day
14 may be changed by law. **A** [THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ADJOURN FROM]
15 regular session **may last no longer than seventy-five** [NO LATER THAN ONE
16 HUNDRED TWENTY] consecutive calendar days from the date it convenes except

1 that a regular session may be extended once for up to ten consecutive calendar days.
2 An extension of the regular session requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds
3 of the membership of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part
4 of the uniform rules of procedure deadlines for scheduling session work not
5 inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the session.

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