

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES

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Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska authorizing a
2 priority for subsistence users of replenishable natural resources; and providing for
3 an effective date.**

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

5 * Section 1. Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 Section 19. Subsistence. The legislature may, consistent with the sustained
**8 yield principle, provide a priority for subsistence users in the taking of fish and
9 wildlife and other replenishable natural resources based on place of residence,
10 dependence on replenishable natural resources for subsistence uses, or customary and
11 traditional use of replenishable natural resources for subsistence uses.**

12 * Sec. 2. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
13 section to read:

14 Section 30. Effective Date of Subsistence Amendment. Section 19 of Article
**15 VIII, regarding a priority for subsistence users of replenishable natural resources, takes
16 effect immediately upon certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor.**

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