

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL

Introduced: 2/26/99

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring**
2 **legislative confirmation of the appointed members of the judicial council.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article IV, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 8. Judicial Council.** The judicial council shall consist of seven
6 members. Three attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the
7 governing body of the organized state bar. Three non-attorney members shall be
8 appointed for six-year terms by the governor. **Appointments under this section shall**
9 **be** subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint
10 session. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in like manner.
11 Appointments shall be made with due consideration to area representation and without
12 regard to political affiliation. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be ex-officio
13 the seventh member and **chair** [CHAIRMAN] of the judicial council. No member of
14 the judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold any other office or position of
15 profit under the United States or the State. The judicial council shall act by
16 concurrence of four or more members and according to rules **that** [WHICH] it adopts.

1 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment 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.