

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

Introduced: 3/5/99

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska granting
2 jurisdiction to the supreme court to render advisory opinions.

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

4 * Section 1. Article IV, sec. 2, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding
5 a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The supreme court shall have jurisdiction and shall render an advisory
7 opinion in response to a question submitted to the court by the legislature, by either
8 house of the legislature, or by the governor, on the interpretation of a provision of this
9 constitution or the validity under this constitution or the Constitution of the United
10 States of a bill pending in the legislature or passed by the legislature and awaiting
11 action by the governor. The supreme court advisory opinion shall be binding as case
12 law in the State. The supreme court shall provide the advisory opinion within 90 days
13 from the receipt of the request.

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