

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

Introduced: 1/21/00

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

5 **Section 3. Election and Terms.** Legislators shall be elected at general
6 elections. Their terms begin on the **first** [FOURTH] Monday of the **February**
7 [JANUARY] following election [UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW]. The
8 term of representatives shall be two years, and the term of senators, four years. One-
9 half of the senators shall be elected every two years.

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

11 **Section 8. Regular Sessions.** The legislature shall convene in regular session
12 each year on the **first** [FOURTH] Monday in **February. A** [JANUARY, BUT THE
13 MONTH AND DAY MAY BE CHANGED BY LAW. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL
14 ADJOURN FROM] regular session **may last no longer than sixty** [NO LATER
15 THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY] consecutive calendar days, [FROM THE DATE
16 IT CONVENES] except that a regular session may be extended once for up to ten

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