

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR TAYLOR

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Referred: Judiciary, Finance

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an**  
2 **office of administrative hearings.**

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

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

6 **Section 28. Office of Administrative Hearings.** (a) The power to conduct  
7 administrative law hearings and to render final agency decisions is vested in an office  
8 of administrative hearings. The jurisdiction of the office shall be prescribed by law.

9 (b) The chief administrative law judge is the head of the office of  
10 administrative hearings. The chief administrative law judge shall be appointed by the  
11 governor from a list of persons nominated by the judicial council. The appointment  
12 is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint  
13 session. The chief administrative law judge serves a term of five years and may be  
14 renominated, reappointed, and reconfirmed to serve more than one term. The chief  
15 administrative law judge may be removed by the governor but only for cause as  
16 provided by law.

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

3                   **Section 30. Application of Amendment Relating to Administrative**  
4           **Hearings.** The 2000 amendment relating to administrative hearings made in Section  
5           28 of Article III applies only to administrative hearings begun on or after January 1,  
6           2002.

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