

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 4/21/99

Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **subsistence use of renewable natural resources by residents; 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 Priority.** The legislature may, consistent with the
8 sustained yield principle, provide a priority to and among rural residents for the taking
9 of fish and wildlife and other renewable natural resources for subsistence.

10 * **Sec. 2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of the amendment proposed by this resolution is to
11 provide for a priority for subsistence uses of fish, wildlife, and other renewable natural
12 resources; to ensure state management of fish and wildlife throughout Alaska; and to bring
13 the state into compliance with Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
14 Act (P.L. 96-487).

1 * **Sec. 3.** 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.

4 * **Sec. 4.** If adopted by the voters at the next general election, the amendment proposed by
5 this resolution takes effect immediately upon certification of the election returns by the
6 lieutenant governor.