

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **the appropriation limit.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 16. Appropriation Limit.** Except for appropriations for Alaska
6 permanent fund dividends, appropriations of revenue bond proceeds, appropriations
7 required to pay the principal and interest on general obligation bonds, and
8 appropriations of money received from a non-state source [IN TRUST] for a specific
9 purpose, [INCLUDING REVENUES OF A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE OR PUBLIC
10 CORPORATION OF THE STATE THAT ISSUES REVENUE BONDS,]
11 appropriations [FROM THE TREASURY] made for a fiscal year shall not exceed
12 **\$2,000,000,000** [\$2,500,000,000] by more than the cumulative change, derived from
13 federal indices as prescribed by law, in population and inflation since July 1, **2000**
14 [1981. WITHIN THIS LIMIT, AT LEAST ONE-THIRD SHALL BE RESERVED
15 FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LOAN APPROPRIATIONS]. The legislature may
16 exceed this limit in bills for appropriations to the Alaska permanent fund and in bills

1 for appropriations [FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, WHETHER OF BOND PROCEEDS
2 OR OTHERWISE, IF EACH BILL IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR, OR
3 PASSED BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE
4 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATURE OVER A VETO OR ITEM VETO, OR
5 BECOMES LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE, AND IS ALSO APPROVED BY THE
6 VOTERS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. EACH BILL FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR
7 CAPITAL PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT SHALL BE CONFINED TO
8 CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE SAME TYPE, AND THE VOTERS SHALL, AS
9 PROVIDED BY LAW, BE INFORMED OF THE COST OF OPERATIONS AND
10 MAINTENANCE OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS. NO OTHER APPROPRIATION
11 IN EXCESS OF THIS LIMIT MAY BE MADE EXCEPT] to meet a state of disaster
12 declared by the governor as prescribed by law. **In addition, an appropriation that**
13 **exceeds this limit by no more than ten percent may be made for any public**
14 **purpose upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the**
15 **legislature.** The governor shall cause any unexpended and unappropriated balance to
16 be invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the treasury.

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