

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 1/24/00  
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR PARNELL

**A RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

6 **Section 3. Election and Terms.** Legislators shall be elected at general  
7 elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the **February** [JANUARY]  
8 following election unless otherwise provided by law. The term of representatives shall  
9 be two years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be  
10 elected every two years.

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

12 **Section 8. Regular Sessions.** The legislature shall convene in regular session  
13 each year on the fourth Monday in **February** [JANUARY], but the month and day  
14 may be changed by law. **A** [THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ADJOURN FROM]  
15 regular session **may last no longer than seventy-five** [NO LATER THAN ONE  
16 HUNDRED TWENTY] consecutive calendar days [FROM THE DATE IT

1           CONVENES] except that a regular session may be extended once for up to ten  
2 consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session requires the affirmative  
3 vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature. The  
4 legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure deadlines for  
5 scheduling session work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the  
6 session.

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.