

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

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/10/00

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR PARNELL

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms**  
2 **of legislators, to special legislative sessions, and to the time of convening and**  
3 **length of regular sessions of the 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 **first** [FOURTH] Monday of the **February**  
8 [JANUARY] following election unless otherwise provided by law. The term of  
9 representatives shall be two years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of  
10 the senators shall be 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 **first** [FOURTH] Monday in **February** [JANUARY], but the month  
14 and day may be changed by law. **A** [THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ADJOURN  
15 FROM] regular session **may last no longer than ninety** [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.** Article II, sec. 9, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

8 **Section 9. Special Sessions.** Special sessions may be called by the governor  
9 or by vote of two-thirds of the legislators. The vote may be conducted by the  
10 legislative council or as prescribed by law. [AT SPECIAL SESSIONS CALLED BY  
11 THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATION SHALL BE LIMITED TO SUBJECTS  
12 DESIGNATED IN HIS PROCLAMATION CALLING THE SESSION, TO  
13 SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY HIM, AND THE RECONSIDERATION OF BILLS  
14 VETOED BY HIM AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE LAST REGULAR SESSION.]

15 Special sessions are **held at a location determined by the legislature and are** limited  
16 to thirty days.

17 \* **Sec. 4.** The amendments 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.