

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **office of attorney general.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article III, sec. 25, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 25. Department Heads.** The head of each principal department shall
6 be a single executive unless otherwise provided by law. **The head of a principal**
7 **department** [HE] shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a
8 majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and shall serve at the
9 pleasure of the governor, except as otherwise provided in this article with respect to
10 the **lieutenant governor and the attorney general** [SECRETARY OF STATE]. The
11 heads of all principal departments shall be citizens of the United States.

12 * **Sec. 2.** Article III, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
13 section to read:

14 **Section 28. Attorney General.** The attorney general shall be elected by the
15 qualified voters of the State at the same time and for the same term as the governor.

16 A person is not eligible to serve as attorney general unless the person meets the

1 qualifications for a superior court judge. The attorney general shall perform the duties
2 and receive the compensation that is prescribed by law, which compensation may not
3 be diminished during the term of office for which the attorney general is elected unless
4 by general law applying to all salaried officers of the state. There shall be no limit on
5 the terms of the attorney general.

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