

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/4/00
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska providing that**
2 **the governor, United States senators, United States representative, and electors of**
3 **the President and Vice-President of the United States be elected by a majority**
4 **vote.**

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

6 * **Section 1.** Article III, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

7 **Section 3. Election.** The governor shall be chosen by the qualified voters of
8 the State at a general election. [THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE GREATEST
9 NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE GOVERNOR.]

10 * **Sec. 2.** Article V, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

11 **Section 3. Methods of Voting; Majority Vote Required; Election Contests.**

12 Methods of voting, including absentee voting, shall be prescribed by law. Secrecy of
13 voting shall be preserved. **For the offices of governor and lieutenant governor,**
14 **United States senator, and United States representative, the candidate receiving**
15 **a majority of votes cast for each office shall be elected. The winning candidate**
16 **must be the choice of at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast for the office.**

1 The procedure for determining election contests, with right of appeal to the courts,
2 shall be prescribed by law.

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