

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23(FIN) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/4/01

Offered: 5/3/01

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Halford, Ward, Taylor, Cowdery, Phillips, Austerman, Leman, Kelly

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an**
2 **appropriation limit and a spending 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4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and
5 readopted to read:

6 **Section 16. Appropriation and Spending Limit.** (a) Except for
7 appropriations for Alaska permanent fund dividends, appropriations to the Alaska
8 permanent fund, appropriations to meet a state of disaster declared by the governor as
9 prescribed by law, appropriations for the Alaska Railroad, appropriations of state
10 general obligation and revenue bond proceeds, appropriations required to pay the
11 principal and interest on state general obligation and revenue bonds, and
12 appropriations of money received from the federal government, appropriations made
13 for a fiscal year shall not exceed \$3,100,000,000 by more than fifty percent of the
14 cumulative change, derived from federal indices as prescribed by law, in population
15 and inflation since July 1, 2000. The governor shall cause any unexpended and
16 unappropriated balance to be invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the

1 treasury.

2 (b) An appropriation that exceeds the limit established under (a) of this section
 3 may be made for any public purpose upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
 4 members of each house of the legislature. However, the total amount of
 5 appropriations made under this subsection for a fiscal year that exceeds the limit of (a)
 6 of this section, when added to other appropriations made for that year that are within
 7 the limit of (a) of this section, may not exceed \$3,100,000,000 by more than seventy-
 8 five percent of the cumulative change, derived from federal indices as prescribed by
 9 law, in population and inflation since July 1, 2000.

10 (c) If appropriations for a fiscal year exceed the amount that may be
 11 appropriated under (a) or (b) of this section, the governor shall reduce expenditures by
 12 the executive branch for its operation and administration to the extent necessary to
 13 avoid spending more than the amount that may be appropriated under (a) or (b) of this
 14 section. This subsection does not apply to expenditures that are approved by a
 15 resolution concurred in by at least two-thirds of the members of each house.

16 * **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
 17 section to read:

18 **Section 30. Reconsideration of Appropriation and Spending Limit.** If the
 19 2002 amendment relating to an appropriation and spending limit (art. IX, sec. 16) is
 20 adopted, the lieutenant governor shall place the ballot title and proposition for the
 21 amendment on the ballot again at the general election in 2010 and every eight years
 22 thereafter unless it is rejected. If the majority of those voting on the proposition
 23 rejects the amendment, Section 16 of Article IX is repealed on the date the election is
 24 certified.

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