

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR HALFORD**

**Introduced: 2/19/02**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska permitting certain bills**  
2 **dealing with appropriations or taxes to take effect only if approved by the voters.**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 18. Effective Date.** (a) Laws passed by the legislature become  
6 effective ninety days after enactment. The legislature may, by concurrence of two-  
7 thirds of the membership of each house, provide for another effective date.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a  
9 new subsection to read:

10 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a bill with only one appropriation item  
11 that appropriates money to the general fund or a bill that only imposes a new tax may  
12 include a provision that the bill takes effect only if approved by the voters at the next  
13 general or special election held after enactment of the bill. A bill approved by the  
14 voters under this subsection takes effect thirty days after the certification of the  
15 election returns by the lieutenant governor.

16 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of

- 1 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
- 2 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.