

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**
2 **duration of regular sessions of the legislature and to a biennial state budget.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 8. Regular Sessions.** The legislature shall convene in regular session
6 each year on the fourth Monday in January, but the month and day may be changed by
7 law. The legislature shall adjourn from regular session no later than one hundred
8 twenty consecutive calendar days from the date it convenes **during each odd-**
9 **numbered year, and, during each even-numbered year, a regular session may last**
10 **no longer than sixty consecutive calendar days,** except that **any** [A] regular session
11 may be extended once for up to ten consecutive calendar days. An extension of the
12 regular session requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership
13 of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform
14 rules of procedure deadlines for scheduling session work not inconsistent with
15 provisions controlling the length of the session.

16 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

1 **Section 12. Budget. (a) During each odd-numbered fiscal year, the**
2 [THE] governor shall submit to the legislature, at a time fixed by law, a budget for the
3 next **two** fiscal **years** [YEAR] setting forth all proposed expenditures and anticipated
4 income of all departments, offices, and agencies of the State. The governor, at the
5 same time, shall submit a general appropriation bill to authorize the proposed
6 expenditures **in the biennial State budget**, and a bill or bills covering
7 recommendations in the budget for new or additional revenues.

8 * **Sec. 3.** Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a
9 new section to read:

10 (b) The legislature shall pass a general appropriation bill to implement the
11 State budget for a two-year period that begins with each even-numbered fiscal year.
12 The legislature may pass an appropriation bill that amends or supplements the biennial
13 State budget at any time.

14 * **Sec. 4.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
15 section to read:

16 **Section 30. Application of Biennial State Budget Amendments.** The 2002
17 amendments relating to a biennial State budget (art. IX, sec. 12) apply to the State
18 budget for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 and thereafter. Section 12 of Article IX, as it
19 read before the 2004 amendments, applies to the State budget for fiscal years up to and
20 including fiscal year 2003.

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