

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALCRO

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of**
2 **legislators, to meetings of legislative committees, and to the length of regular sessions of**
3 **the legislature.**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Art. II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 **Section 3. Election and Terms.** Legislators shall be elected at general
7 elections. Their terms begin on the second [FOURTH] Monday of the December
8 [JANUARY] following election when they shall take the oath of office [UNLESS
9 OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW]. The term of representatives shall be two
10 years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be elected
11 every two years.

12 * **Sec. 2.** Art. II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

13 **Section 8. Regular Sessions.** The legislature shall convene in regular session
14 each year on the second [FOURTH] Monday in February. A [JANUARY, BUT
15 THE MONTH AND DAY MAY BE CHANGED BY LAW. THE LEGISLATURE

1 SHALL ADJOURN FROM] regular session **may last no longer than ninety** [NO
 2 LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY] consecutive calendar days, [FROM
 3 THE DATE IT CONVENES] except that a regular session may be extended once for
 4 up to ten consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session requires the
 5 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the
 6 legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure
 7 deadlines for scheduling session work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the
 8 length of the session.

9 * **Sec. 3.** Art. II, sec. 11, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

10 **Section 11. [INTERIM] Committees.** There shall be a legislative council,
 11 and the legislature may establish other [INTERIM] committees. The council [AND
 12 OTHER INTERIM COMMITTEES] may meet between legislative sessions, **and the**
 13 **legislature may authorize other committees to meet between sessions.** They may
 14 perform duties and employ personnel as provided by the legislature. Their members
 15 may receive an allowance for expenses while performing their duties.

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