

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(STA)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/5/03**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SAMUELS AND ROKEBERG, Stoltze, Dahlstrom, Croft, Holm, Anderson, Meyer, McGuire, Kohring**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the**  
2 **duration of regular sessions of the legislature.**

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.** (a) The legislature shall convene in regular  
6 session each year on the fourth Monday in January, but the month and day may be  
7 changed by law. Each regular session is limited to ninety [THE LEGISLATURE  
8 SHALL ADJOURN FROM REGULAR SESSION NO LATER THAN ONE  
9 HUNDRED TWENTY] consecutive calendar days [FROM THE DATE IT  
10 CONVENES] except that a regular session may be extended once for up to ten  
11 consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session requires the  
12 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the  
13 legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure  
14 deadlines for scheduling session work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the  
15 length of the session.

16 \* **Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new

1 subsection to read:

2 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the first regular session held after a  
3 gubernatorial election is limited to one hundred ten consecutive calendar days. The  
4 session may be extended as provided in (a) of this section.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
6 section to read:

7 **Section 30. Transition; Regular Legislative Session Duration.** The 2004  
8 amendments to Section 8 of Article II first apply to the Second Regular Session of the  
9 Twenty-Fourth Legislature and apply thereafter. During the First Regular Session of  
10 the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, Section 8 of Article II applies as it read on January 1,  
11 2004.

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