

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/8/03

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STOLTZE, Kohring, Rokeberg

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment 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4 * **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and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) Appropriations made
7 for a fiscal year shall not exceed by more than two percent the amount appropriated
8 for the fiscal year two years preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriations are
9 made. This subsection does not apply to a reappropriation of money already
10 appropriated under an unobligated appropriation that is not void under Section 13 of
11 this article, or to

12 (1) an appropriation to the Alaska permanent fund;

13 (2) an appropriation of Alaska permanent fund income for payments of
14 permanent fund dividends to State residents;

15 (3) an appropriation to meet a state of disaster declared by the
16 governor as prescribed by law;

- 1 (4) an appropriation for the Alaska Railroad;
- 2 (5) an appropriation of State general obligation and revenue bond
3 proceeds;
- 4 (6) an appropriation required to pay obligations under general
5 obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and certificates of participation issued by the State;
- 6 (7) an appropriation of money received from the federal government;
- 7 (8) an appropriation of money for expenditure by a State agency to
8 provide services to another State agency that has also received an appropriation of the
9 same money; and
- 10 (9) an appropriation made under (b) of this section.

11 (b) An appropriation that exceeds the limit under (a) of this section may be
12 made for any public purpose upon affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
13 members of each house of the legislature. The total amount of appropriations under
14 this subsection made for a fiscal year may not exceed two percent of the amount
15 appropriated for the fiscal year two years preceding the fiscal year for which the
16 appropriations are made, excluding appropriations listed in (a)(1) - (9) of this section.

17 (c) If appropriations for a fiscal year exceed the amount that may be
18 appropriated under (a) and (b) of this section, the governor shall reduce expenditures
19 by line item veto to avoid spending more than the amount that may be appropriated
20 under (a) and (b) of this section.

21 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment 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.