

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments 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4 \* **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and  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 four 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 an appropriation

10 (1) to the Alaska permanent fund;

11 (2) of Alaska permanent fund income for payments of permanent fund  
12 dividends to State residents;

13 (3) to meet a state of disaster declared by the governor as prescribed by  
14 law;

15 (4) for the Alaska Railroad;

16 (5) of State general obligation and revenue bond proceeds;

1 (6) required to pay obligations under general obligation bonds, revenue  
2 bonds, and certificates of participation issued by the State;

3 (7) of money received from the federal government;

4 (8) of money for expenditure by a State agency to provide services to  
5 another State agency that has also received an appropriation of the same money; and

6 (9) made under (b) or (c) of this section.

7 (b) An appropriation that exceeds the limit under (a) of this section may be  
8 made for any public purpose upon affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the  
9 members of each house of the legislature. The total amount of appropriations under  
10 this subsection made for a fiscal year may not exceed two percent of the amount  
11 appropriated for the fiscal year two years preceding the fiscal year for which the  
12 appropriations are made.

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

19 (d) If appropriations for a fiscal year exceed the amount that may be  
20 appropriated under (a) - (c) of this section, the governor shall reduce expenditures by  
21 the executive branch for its operation and administration to the extent necessary to  
22 avoid spending more than the amount that may be appropriated under (a) - (c) of this  
23 section.

24 \* **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
25 section to read:

26 **Section 30. Reconsideration of Appropriation and Spending Limit.** If the  
27 2004 amendment relating to an appropriation and spending limit (art. IX, sec. 16) is  
28 adopted, the lieutenant governor shall place the ballot title and proposition for the  
29 amendment on the ballot again at the general election in 2012 and every eight years  
30 thereafter unless it is rejected. If the majority of those voting on the proposition  
31 rejects the amendment, Section 16 of Article IX is repealed on the date the election is

1 certified.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
3 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
4 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.