

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/15/03**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS DYSON, Bunde, Wagoner, Gary Stevens, Ogan, Stedman**

**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4 \* **Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is repealed and  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 the amount appropriated for the fiscal year two years  
8 preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made by more than the  
9 percentage equal to one-half of the product of the annual percentage rate of change in  
10 the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan  
11 area compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor,  
12 for the calendar year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the  
13 appropriations are made multiplied by one-fourth of the annual percentage change in  
14 the statewide population as of July 1 of that calendar year. This subsection does not  
15 apply to an appropriation

16 (1) to the Alaska permanent fund;

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

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

5 (4) for the Alaska Railroad;

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

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

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

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

12 (9) of money received by the University of Alaska;

13 (10) of money received by the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; or

14 (11) made under (b) of this section.

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

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

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