

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**Introduced: 4/2/12**

**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska providing that the**  
2 **duties of the lieutenant governor shall include being president of the senate.**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** Article II, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 7. Salary and Expenses.** Legislators shall receive annual salaries.  
6 They may receive a per diem allowance for expenses while in session and are entitled  
7 to travel expenses going to and from sessions. **Legislators serving as presiding**  
8 **[PRESIDING]** officers may receive additional compensation.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** Article II, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

10 **Section 12. Rules.** The houses of each legislature shall adopt uniform rules of  
11 procedure. Each house may choose its officers and employees. **The senate shall**  
12 **choose a presiding officer pro tempore to act in the absence of the lieutenant**  
13 **governor as president of the senate.** Each **house** is the judge of the election and  
14 qualifications of its members and may expel a member with the concurrence of two-  
15 thirds of its members. Each shall keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the  
16 membership of each house constitutes a quorum to do business, but a smaller number

1 may adjourn from day to day and may compel attendance of absent members. The  
2 legislature shall regulate lobbying.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** Article III, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

4 **Section 7. Lieutenant Governor - Duties.** There shall be a lieutenant  
5 governor. He shall have the same qualifications as the governor and serve for the same  
6 term. He shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law and as may be  
7 delegated to him by the governor. **The lieutenant governor shall be the president of**  
8 **the senate, but shall have no vote, unless the senate is equally divided.**

9 \* **Sec. 4.** Article VI, sec. 8(b), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

10 (b) Members of the Redistricting Board shall be appointed in the year in  
11 which an official decennial census of the United States is taken and by September 1 of  
12 that year. The governor shall appoint two members of the board. The presiding officer  
13 **pro tempore** of the senate, the presiding officer of the house of representatives, and  
14 the chief justice of the supreme court shall each appoint one member of the board. The  
15 appointments to the board shall be made in the order listed in this subsection. At least  
16 one board member shall be a resident of each judicial district that existed on  
17 January 1, 1999. Board members serve until a final plan for redistricting and  
18 proclamation of redistricting has been adopted and all challenges to it brought under  
19 Section 11 of this article have been resolved after final remand or affirmation.

20 \* **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
21 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
22 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.