

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

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

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

1 **Section 30. Transition; Regular Legislative Session Duration.** The 2016
2 amendment to Section 8 of Article II first applies to the First Regular Session of the
3 Thirtieth Legislature and applies thereafter.

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