

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an**
2 **appropriation 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 amended to read:

5 **Section 16. Appropriation Limit. (a)** Except **as provided in (b) of this**
6 **section** [FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALASKA PERMANENT FUND
7 DIVIDENDS, APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE BOND PROCEEDS,
8 APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON
9 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, AND APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY
10 RECEIVED FROM A NON-STATE SOURCE IN TRUST FOR A SPECIFIC
11 PURPOSE, INCLUDING REVENUES OF A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE OR PUBLIC
12 CORPORATION OF THE STATE THAT ISSUES REVENUE BONDS],
13 appropriations from the treasury made for a fiscal year shall not exceed
14 **appropriations made in the previous fiscal year** [\$2,500,000,000] by more than the
15 **average** cumulative change, derived from federal indices as prescribed by law, in
16 population and inflation **over the previous three years.**

1 **(b) If the unrestricted state revenue available for appropriation in a fiscal**
 2 **year is insufficient to cover the general fund appropriations from the treasury**
 3 **made for that fiscal year, appropriations for that fiscal year shall not exceed the**
 4 **appropriations made in the previous fiscal year.**

5 **(c) This section does not apply to appropriations to the Alaska permanent**
 6 **fund for Alaska permanent fund dividends, appropriations of revenue bond**
 7 **proceeds, appropriations required to pay the principal of and interest on general**
 8 **obligation bonds, and appropriations of money received from a non-State source**
 9 **in trust for a specific purpose, including revenue of a public enterprise or public**
 10 **corporation of the State that issues revenue bonds.**

11 **(d)** [SINCE JULY 1, 1981. WITHIN THIS LIMIT, AT LEAST ONE-THIRD
 12 SHALL BE RESERVED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LOAN
 13 APPROPRIATIONS. THE LEGISLATURE MAY EXCEED THIS LIMIT IN BILLS
 14 FOR APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ALASKA PERMANENT FUND AND IN
 15 BILLS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, WHETHER OF
 16 BOND PROCEEDS OR OTHERWISE, IF EACH BILL IS APPROVED BY THE
 17 GOVERNOR, OR PASSED BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF
 18 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATURE OVER A VETO OR ITEM VETO,
 19 OR BECOMES LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE, AND IS ALSO APPROVED BY
 20 THE VOTERS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. EACH BILL FOR APPROPRIATIONS
 21 FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT SHALL BE CONFINED
 22 TO CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE SAME TYPE, AND THE VOTERS SHALL, AS
 23 PROVIDED BY LAW, BE INFORMED OF THE COST OF OPERATIONS AND
 24 MAINTENANCE OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS.] No other appropriation in excess
 25 of this limit may be made except to meet a state of disaster declared by the governor as
 26 prescribed by law.

27 **(e)** The governor shall cause any unexpended and unappropriated balance **in**
 28 **the general fund** to be invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the treasury.

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