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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitu-
6 tion of the State of Alaska providing
7 for the disqualification, suspension,
8 removal from office, retirement and
9 censure of justices and judges, and
10 providing for a Commission on Judicial
11 Qualifications.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

13 * Section 1. Sec. 10, art. IV, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
14 repealed and re-enacted to read:

15 SECTION 10. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS. The commission
16 on judicial qualifications shall consist of nine members, as follows:
17 one justice of the supreme court, elected by the justices of the supreme
18 court; two judges of the superior court, elected by the judges of the
19 superior court; two judges of the district court, elected by the judges
20 of the district court; two members who have practiced law in this state
21 for ten years, appointed by the governing body of the organized bar; and
22 two persons who are not judges, retired judges, or members of the state
23 bar, appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by a majority
24 of the members of the legislature in joint session. All terms are for
25 four years. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as
26 chairman for a term prescribed by the commission. Commission membership
27 terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified him
28 for appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power for
29 the remainder of the term. In addition to being subject to impeachment

1 under section 12 of this article, a justice or judge may be disquali-
2 fied from acting as such and may be suspended, removed from office,
3 retired, or censured by the supreme court upon the recommendation of
4 the commission. The powers and duties of the commission and the bases
5 for judicial disqualification shall be established by law.

6 * Sec. 2. Sec. 13, art. IV, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
7 amended to read:

8 SECTION 13. COMPENSATION. Justices, judges, and members of the
9 judicial council and the commission on judicial qualifications shall
10 receive compensation as prescribed by law. Compensation of justices
11 and judges shall not be diminished during their terms of office, unless
12 by general law applying to all salaried officers of the State.
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