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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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 Constitution
6 of the State of Alaska providing for the
7 disqualification, suspension, removal
8 from office, retirement and censure of
9 justices and judges, and providing for a
10 Commission on Judicial Qualifications.

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

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13 repealed and re-enacted to read:

14 SECTION 10. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS. The commission
15 on judicial qualifications shall consist of seven members, as follows:
16 one justice of the supreme court, elected by the justices of the supreme
17 court; one judge of the superior court, elected by the judges of the
18 superior court; two members who have each practiced law in this state
19 for 10 years, appointed by the governing body of the organized bar; and
20 three citizens who are not judges, retired judges, or members of the
21 state bar, appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by a
22 majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. All terms
23 are for four years. The commission shall elect one of its members to
24 serve as chairman for a term prescribed by the commission. Commission
25 membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that
26 qualified him for appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the ap-
27 pointing power for the remainder of the term. In addition to being
28 subject to impeachment under section 12 of this article, a justice or
29 judge may be disqualified from acting as such and may be suspended,

1 removed from office, retired, or censured by the supreme court upon the
2 recommendation of the commission. The powers and duties of the com-
3 mission and the bases for judicial disqualification shall be established
4 by law.

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

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