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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the judiciary  
6 article of the Constitution of the  
7 State of Alaska relating to the office  
8 of chief justice of the supreme court.

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

10 \* Section 1. Sec. 2 of Art. IV of the Constitution of the State of  
11 Alaska is amended to read:

12 SECTION 2. The supreme court shall be the highest court of the  
13 State, with final appellate jurisdiction. It shall consist of three  
14 justices, one of whom is chief justice. The office of chief justice  
15 shall rotate among the justices annually. The number of justices may  
16 be increased by law upon the request of the supreme court.

17 \* Sec. 2. Sec. 8 of Art. IV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska  
18 is amended to read:

19 SECTION 8. The judicial council shall consist of seven members.  
20 Three attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the  
21 governing body of the organized state bar. Three non-attorney members  
22 shall be appointed for six-year terms by the governor subject to con-  
23 firmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint  
24 session. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in like  
25 manner. Appointments shall be made with due consideration to area  
26 representation and without regard to political affiliation. The chief  
27 justice of the supreme court shall be ex officio the seventh member  
28 [AND CHAIRMAN] of the judicial council. The chairman of the judicial  
29 council shall be elected annually by the members. No member of the

1 judicial council, except the chief justice, may hold any other office  
2 or position of profit under the United States or the State. The  
3 judicial council shall act by concurrence of four or more members and  
4 according to rules which it adopts.

5 \* Sec. 3. Sec. 16 of Art. IV of the Constitution of the State of Alaska  
6 is amended to read:

7 SECTION 16. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be  
8 the administrative head of all courts. He may assign judges from one  
9 court or division thereof to another for temporary service. The  
10 chief justice shall, with the approval of the supreme court, appoint  
11 an administrative director to serve at the pleasure of the supreme  
12 court [HIS PLEASURE] and to supervise the administrative operations of  
13 the judicial system.

14 and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that these proposed amendments be placed before the  
16 voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity with  
17 Section 1, Article XIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the  
18 election laws of the state.