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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Consti-
6 tution of the State of Alaska eliminat-
7 ing the requirement of ability to
8 read or speak English as a prerequi-
9 site to voting.

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

11 * Section 1. Sec. 1, Art. V of the Constitution of the State of Alaska
12 is amended to read:

13 SECTION 1. QUALIFIED VOTERS. Every citizen of the United States
14 who is at least nineteen years of age, who meets registration require-
15 ments which may be prescribed by law, and who is qualified to vote
16 under this article, may vote in any state or local election. He shall
17 have been, immediately preceding the election, for one year a resident
18 of Alaska and for thirty days a resident of the election district in
19 which he seeks to vote. [HE SHALL BE ABLE TO READ OR SPEAK THE ENGLISH
20 LANGUAGE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, UNLESS PREVENTED BY PHYSICAL DISABILITY.]
21 Additional voting qualifications may be prescribed by law for bond
22 issue elections of political subdivisions.

23 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed be-
24 for the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity
25 with Sec. 1, Art. XIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the
26 state election laws.

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