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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the state  
6 constitution by adding an environ-  
7 mental bill of rights.

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

9 \* Section 1. Article I of the Constitution of the State of Alaska is  
10 amended by adding a new section to read:

11 SECTION 22. The policy of the state shall be to conserve and  
12 protect its natural resources and scenic beauty and encourage the  
13 development and improvement of its agricultural lands for the produc-  
14 tion of food and other agricultural products. The legislature, in  
15 implementing this policy, shall include adequate provision for the  
16 abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary  
17 noise, the protection of all land or water areas which come under the  
18 state's jurisdiction, and the development and regulation of water  
19 resources. The legislature shall further provide for the acquisition  
20 of lands and waters, including existing improvements and interests,  
21 and the dedication of properties acquired or now owned, which because  
22 of their natural beauty, wilderness character, or geological, ecological  
23 or historical significance, shall be preserved and administered for  
24 the use and enjoyment of the people. Properties so dedicated shall  
25 constitute the state nature and historical preserve and they shall  
26 not be taken or otherwise disposed of except by law enacted by two  
27 successive regular sessions of the legislature.;

28 and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed amendment be placed before the

1 voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity with  
2 Section 1, Article XIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-  
3 tion laws of the state.

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