

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing that the Constitution of
6 the State of Alaska be amended by
7 changing the name of the secretary of
8 state to lieutenant governor.

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

10 * Section 1. Secs. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15, Art. III, Constitution
11 of the State of Alaska, are amended to read:

12 SECTION 7. There shall be a lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF
13 STATE]. He shall have the same qualifications as the governor and
14 serve for the same term. He shall perform such duties as may be pre-
15 scribed by law and as may be delegated to him by the governor.

16 SECTION 8. The lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall be
17 nominated in the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for
18 other elective offices. In the general election the votes cast for a
19 candidate for governor shall be considered as cast also for the candi-
20 date for lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] running jointly with
21 him. The candidate whose name appears on the ballot jointly with that
22 of the successful candidate for governor shall be elected lieutenant
23 governor [SECRETARY OF STATE].

24 SECTION 9. In case of the temporary absence of the governor from
25 office, the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall serve as
26 acting governor.

27 SECTION 10. If the governor-elect dies, resigns, or is disquali-
28 fied, the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] elected with him
29 shall succeed to the office of governor for the full term. If the

1 governor-elect fails to assume office for any other reason, the
2 lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] elected with him shall serve
3 as acting governor, and shall succeed to the office if the governor-
4 elect does not assume his office within six months of the beginning
5 of the term.

6 SECTION 11. In case of a vacancy in the office of governor for
7 any reason, the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall succeed
8 to the office for the remainder of the term.

9 SECTION 13. Provision shall be made by law for succession to the
10 office of governor and for an acting governor in the event that the
11 lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] is unable to succeed to the
12 office or act as governor. No election of a lieutenant governor
13 [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall be held except at the time of electing a
14 governor.

15 SECTION 14. When the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE]
16 succeeds to the office of governor, he shall have the title, powers,
17 duties, and emoluments of that office.

18 SECTION 15. The compensation of the governor and the lieutenant
19 governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall be prescribed by law and shall not
20 be diminished during their term of office, unless by general law
21 applying to all salaried officers of the State.

22 * Sec. 2. Secs. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Art. XI, Constitution of the State of
23 Alaska, are amended to read:

24 SECTION 2. An initiative or referendum is proposed by an applica-
25 tion containing the bill to be initiated or the act to be referred.
26 The application shall be signed by not less than one hundred qualified
27 voters as sponsors, and shall be filed with the lieutenant governor
28 [SECRETARY OF STATE]. If he finds it in proper form he shall so
29 certify. Denial of certification shall be subject to judicial review.

1 SECTION 3. After certification of the application, a petition
2 containing a summary of the subject matter shall be prepared by the
3 lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] for circulation by the sponsors.
4 If signed by qualified voters, equal in number to ten per cent of those
5 who voted in the preceding general election and resident in at least
6 two-thirds of the election districts of the State, it may be filed with
7 the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE].

8 SECTION 4. An initiative petition may be filed at any time. The
9 lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall prepare a ballot title
10 and proposition summarizing the proposed law, and shall place them on
11 the ballot for the first statewide election held more than one hundred
12 twenty days after adjournment of the legislative session following
13 the filing. If, before the election, substantially the same measure
14 has been enacted, the petition is void.

15 SECTION 5. A referendum petition may be filed only within ninety
16 days after adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was
17 passed. The lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall prepare a
18 ballot title and proposition summarizing the act and shall place them
19 on the ballot for the first statewide election held more than one
20 hundred eighty days after adjournment of that session.

21 SECTION 6. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition
22 favor its adoption, the initiated measure is enacted. If a majority
23 of the votes cast on the proposition favor the rejection of an act
24 referred, it is rejected. The lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE]
25 shall certify the election returns. An initiated law becomes effective
26 ninety days after certification, is not subject to veto, and may not be
27 repealed by the legislature within two years of its effective date.
28 It may be amended at any time. An act rejected by referendum is void
29 thirty days after certification. Additional procedures for the initi-

1 ative and referendum may be prescribed by law.

2 * Sec. 3. Secs. 1 and 3, Art. XIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska,
3 are amended to read:

4 SECTION 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a
5 two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature. The lieutenant
6 governor [SECRETARY OF STATE] shall prepare a ballot title and proposi-
7 tion summarizing each proposed amendment, and shall place them on the
8 ballot for the next statewide election. If a majority of the votes
9 cast on the proposition favor the amendment, it shall be adopted.
10 Unless otherwise provided in the amendment, it becomes effective thirty
11 days after the certification of the election returns by the lieutenant
12 governor [SECRETARY OF STATE].

13 SECTION 3. If during any ten-year period a constitutional conven-
14 tion has not been held, the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE]
15 shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question:
16 "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?" If a majority of the
17 votes cast on the question are in the negative, the question need not be
18 placed on the ballot until the end of the next ten-year period. If a
19 majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative,
20 delegates to the convention shall be chosen at the next regular state-
21 wide election, unless the legislature provides for the election of the
22 delegates at a special election. The lieutenant governor [SECRETARY
23 OF STATE] shall issue the call for the convention. Unless other pro-
24 visions have been made by law, the call shall conform as nearly as
25 possible to the act calling the Alaska Constitutional Convention of
26 1955, including, but not limited to, number of members, districts,
27 election and certification of delegates, and submission and ratifica-
28 tion of revisions and ordinances. The appropriation provisions of the
29 call shall be self-executing and shall constitute a first claim on the

1 state treasury.

2 * Sec. 4. Sec. 9, Art XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended
3 to read:

4 SECTION 9. The first governor and lieutenant governor [SECRETARY
5 OF STATE] shall hold office for a term beginning with the day on which
6 they assume office and ending at noon on the first Monday in December
7 of the even-numbered year following the next presidential election.
8 This term shall count as a full term for purposes of determining
9 eligibility for reelection only if it is four years or more in duration.

10 * Section 5. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
11 before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity
12 with sec. 1, art. XIII, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the
13 state election code.

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