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1 IN THE SENATE

BY PALMER

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

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 establish-
7 ing a conservation policy.

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

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10 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Section 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY. It is the policy of the State to
12 conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty and to
13 encourage the development of its resources by making them available for
14 use consistent with the public interest. The legislature, in imple-
15 menting this policy, shall include adequate provision for the abatement
16 of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise, the
17 protection of agricultural lands, tidelands and shorelands, and the de-
18 velopment and regulation of water resources. The legislature shall
19 further provide for the acquisition of lands and waters and the dedica-
20 tion of properties so acquired or now owned, which because of their
21 natural beauty, wilderness character, or geological, ecological or
22 historical significance, shall be preserved and administered for the
23 use and enjoyment of the people. Properties so dedicated shall consti-
24 tute the state nature and historical preserve and they may not be taken
25 or otherwise disposed of except by law.

26 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this Resolution shall be placed
27 before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity
28 with sec. 1, art. XIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the
29 state election laws.