

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the state
6 constitution relating to the election,
7 term of office and qualifications of
8 the attorney general and district
9 attorneys.

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

11 Section 25, Article III, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended
12 to read:

13 "SECTION 25. The head of each principal department shall be a
14 single executive, unless otherwise provided by law. He shall be ap-
15 pointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the
16 members of the legislature in joint session, and shall serve at the
17 pleasure of the governor, except as otherwise provided in this article
18 with respect to the lieutenant governor and the attorney general. The
19 heads of all principal departments shall be citizens of the United
20 States."

21 and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that Article III, Constitution of the State of Alaska.
23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

24 "SECTION 28. The attorney general of the State shall be at least
25 twenty-six years of age and a qualified voter of the State. He shall
26 be licensed to practice law in the State and shall have been a resident
27 of Alaska at least four years immediately preceding his filing for
28 office. The attorney general of the State shall be nominated in the
29 manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other elective

1 offices. The attorney general shall be chosen by the qualified voters
2 of the State at a general election. The candidate receiving the
3 greatest number of votes shall be attorney general. The term of office
4 of the attorney general is four years, which term shall be concurrent
5 with the term of the Governor."

6 "SECTION 29. District attorneys shall be elected for four-year
7 terms in each of the four judicial districts of the State. A district
8 attorney shall be at least twenty-six years of age and a qualified
9 voter of the State. He shall be licensed to practice law in the State
10 and shall have been a resident of Alaska at least two years immediately
11 preceding his filing for office. District attorneys shall be nominated
12 in the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other
13 elective offices. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes
14 in a judicial district at a general election shall be the district
15 attorney for that district."

16 and be it

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