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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Alaska
6 Constitution to provide for a one-
7 house legislature.

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

9 * Section 1. Secs. 1, 2, 3, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 20, art. II, Consti-
10 tution of the State of Alaska are amended to read:

11 SECTION 1. The legislative power of the State is vested in a
12 legislature [CONSISTING OF A SENATE WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF TWENTY AND A
13 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES] with a membership of sixty-one senators
14 [FORTY]. Membership in the first session of the one-house legislature
15 shall consist of the twenty senators and forty representatives last
16 elected preceding the session, and one additional member who shall be
17 elected at large by the qualified voters of the state. The previously
18 elected senators shall serve for the unexpired portion of their term.
19 One-half of the representatives, determined by lot, and the additional
20 member shall serve for a term of four years, and the other half of the
21 representatives shall serve for a term of two years.

22 SECTION 2. A member of the legislature shall be a qualified
23 voter who has been a resident of Alaska for at least three years and
24 of the district from which elected for at least one year, immediately
25 preceding his filing for office. A senator shall be at least [TWENTY-
26 FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND A REPRESENTATIVE AT LEAST] twenty-one years of
27 age.

28 SECTION 3. Legislators shall be elected at general elections.
29 Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the January following election

1 unless otherwise provided by law. The [TERM OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE
2 TWO YEARS, AND THE] term of senators shall be [,] four years. [ONE-HALF
3 OF THE SENATORS SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS.]

4 SECTION 12. The [HOUSES OF EACH] legislature shall adopt [UNIFORM]
5 rules of procedure. The legislature [EACH HOUSE] may choose its
6 officers and employees. The legislature [EACH] is the judge of the
7 election and qualifications of its members and may expel a member with
8 the concurrence of two-thirds of its members. The legislature [EACH]
9 shall keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the membership
10 of the legislature [EACH HOUSE] constitutes a quorum to do business,
11 but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may compel
12 attendance of absent members. The legislature shall regulate lobbying.

13 SECTION 14. The legislature shall establish the procedure for
14 enactment of bills into law. No bill may become law unless it
15 has passed three readings [IN EACH HOUSE] on three separate days,
16 except that any bill may be advanced from second to third reading on
17 the same day by concurrence of three-fourths of the membership [HOUSE
18 CONSIDERING IT]. No vote on final passage of a bill may be taken
19 until five legislative days after its introduction and until at least
20 one legislative day after the date publicly announced for it to
21 appear on the daily calendar. No bill may become law without an
22 affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the legislature
23 [EACH HOUSE]. The yeas and nays on final passage shall be entered in
24 the journal.

25 SECTION 15. The governor may veto bills passed by the legislature.
26 He may, by veto, strike or reduce items in appropriation bills. He
27 shall return any vetoed bill, with a statement of his objections, to
28 the legislature [HOUSE OF ORIGIN].

29 SECTION 16. Upon receipt of a veto message, the legislature

1 shall meet immediately [IN JOINT SESSION] and reconsider passage of
2 the vetoed bill or item. Bills to raise revenue and appropriation
3 bills or items, although vetoed, become law by affirmative Vote of
4 three-fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed
5 bills become law by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership
6 of the legislature. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill
7 shall be entered on the journal [JOURNALS] of the legislature [BOTH
8 HOUSES].

9 SECTION 18. Laws passed by the legislature become effective
10 ninety days after enactment. The legislature may, by concurrence of
11 two-thirds of the membership [OF EACH HOUSE], provide for another
12 effective date.

13 SECTION 20. All civil officers of the State are subject to
14 impeachment by the legislature. Impeachment [SHALL ORIGINATE IN THE
15 SENATE AND] must be approved by a two-thirds vote of its members.
16 The motion for impeachment shall list fully the basis for the pro-
17 ceeding. The legislature shall provide by law a procedure for the
18 trial and removal from office of officers of the state [TRIAL ON
19 IMPEACHMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A
20 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DESIGNATED BY THE COURT SHALL PRESIDE AT THE
21 TRIAL]. Concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the tribunal
22 [HOUSE] is required for a judgment of impeachment. The judgment may
23 not extend beyond removal from office, but shall not prevent pro-
24 ceedings in the courts on the same or related charges.

25 * Sec. 2. Sec. 10, art. II, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
26 repealed.

27 * Sec. 3. Secs. 1 - 8, art. VI, Constitution of the State of Alaska are
28 repealed and replaced by the following new sections:

29 SECTION 1. Members of the legislature are elected by the

1 qualified voters of the respective election districts. The number of
2 persons represented by each legislature is determined by dividing the
3 total membership of the legislature into the total resident population
4 of the state as reported in the decennial census. The population
5 assigned to each legislative seat shall be as mathematically equal as
6 possible. The governor shall apportion and district the state for
7 legislative representation with the advice of the reapportionment board.

8 SECTION 2. The governor shall appoint a reapportionment board
9 to act in an advisory capacity to him. It shall consist of five members
10 appointed without reference to party affiliation. Board members may
11 not be employees or officials of the state or federal government or of
12 any political subdivision of the state.

13 * Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
14 before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity
15 with sec. 1, art. XIII, of the Constitution of Alaska, and the state election
16 code.

17 * Sec. 5. If the amendments proposed by this resolution are passed by
18 the voters of the state, nominations for the additional member of the
19 legislature shall be placed on the ballot for the next general election by
20 the lieutenant governor in substantially the manner provided in AS 15.25.110.
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