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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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

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

29 SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERMS. Legislators shall be elected at

1 general elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the
2 January following election unless otherwise provided by law. The
3 [TERM OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE TWO YEARS, AND THE] term of senators
4 shall be [,] four years. [ONE-HALF OF THE SENATORS SHALL BE ELECTED
5 EVERY TWO YEARS.]

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

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

27 SECTION 15. VETO. The governor may veto bills passed by the
28 legislature. He may, by veto, strike or reduce items in appropriation
29 bills. He shall return any vetoed bill, with a statement of his

1 objections, to the legislature [HOUSE OF ORIGIN].

2 SECTION 16. ACTION UPON VETO. Upon receipt of a veto message,
3 the legislature shall meet immediately [IN JOINT SESSION] and reconsider
4 passage of the vetoed bill or item. Bills to raise revenue and appro-
5 priation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by affirmative vote
6 of three-fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed
7 bills become law by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership
8 of the legislature. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall
9 be entered on the journal [JOURNALS] of the legislature [BOTH HOUSES].

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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