

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Consti-

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tution of the State of Alaska establishing

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the inherent right of Native peoples to

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be educated in their Native tongue.

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

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* Section 1. Article I, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended

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by adding a new section to read:

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SECTION 23. RIGHT TO EDUCATION IN NATIVE LANGUAGE. The Native

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peoples of the State have the inherent right, through the system of

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public education, to foster and preserve their linguistic and cultural

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heritage which still exists in substantial form among these peoples by

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being taught required courses of instruction in the public schools of

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the State in their Native tongue. The legislature shall implement

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this section by appropriate legislation.

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* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed

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before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity

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with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-

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tion laws of the state.

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