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2 CS HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Rules
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Amending the Inherent Rights section of
6 the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

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

8 * Section 1. Article 1, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska
9 is amended to read:

10 SECTION 1. INHERENT RIGHTS. This constitution is dedicated to the
11 principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the
12 pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own
13 industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights,
14 opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have
15 corresponding obligations to the people and to the State. This section
16 includes the recognition that inherent in the right to life, liberty,
17 and the pursuit of happiness is the need of all persons for a clean,
18 livable environment, an environment as close to the natural state as
19 it is humanly possible to achieve, in which the ecological quality of
20 air, water and land, and the condition of natural resources, wildlife,
21 scenic beauty and quiet are protected to the maximum degree possible.
22 The right of every person to fulfill this need is inalienable.

23 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed
24 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
25 with art. XIII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the
26 state election laws.
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