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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55<sup>am</sup>

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitution  
6 of the State of Alaska relating to  
7 measures submitted by the legislature to  
8 the voters.

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

10 \* Section 1. Article XI, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 SECTION 5. REFERENDUM ELECTION. A referendum petition may be  
13 filed only within ninety days after adjournment of the legislative  
14 session at which the act was passed. The legislature may submit an act  
15 that it has passed or a resolution that it has adopted to the voters  
16 for approval or rejection. An act or resolution submitted by the legis-  
17 lature may not become effective until it has been approved by the  
18 voters. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and  
19 proposition summarizing the act or resolution and shall place them on  
20 the ballot for the first statewide election held more than one hundred  
21 eighty days after adjournment of that session.

22 \* Sec. 2. Article XI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 SECTION 6. ENACTMENT. If a majority of the votes cast on the  
25 proposition favor its adoption, the initiated measure, or the act or  
26 resolution submitted by the legislature, is enacted or adopted. If a  
27 majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the rejection of  
28 an act referred or an act or resolution submitted, it is rejected. The  
29 lieutenant governor shall certify the election returns. An initiated

1 law becomes effective ninety days after certification, is not subject  
2 to veto, and may not be repealed by the legislature within two years  
3 of its effective date. It may be amended at any time. Unless otherwise  
4 provided in the act or resolution, a submitted law or resolution becomes  
5 effective ninety days after certification and may be amended or repealed  
6 at any time. An act rejected by referendum is void thirty days after  
7 certification. Additional procedures for the initiative, [AND] refer-  
8 endum and measures submitted by the legislature may be prescribed by  
9 law.

10 \* Sec. 3. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
11 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity  
12 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election  
13 laws of the state.