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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55 am

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 as a
15 referendum an act that it has passed or a resolution that it has adopted
16 to the voters for approval or rejection. An act or resolution referred
17 by the legislature may not become effective until it has been approved
18 by the 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 referred 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 by petition or an act or resolution referred by the
29 legislature, it is rejected. The lieutenant governor shall certify the

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2 certification, is not subject to veto, and may not be repealed by the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6 time or repealed within two years of its effective date.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