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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing amendments to the state

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constitution relating to sessions of

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the legislature.

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

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* Section 1. Article II, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 7. SALARY AND EXPENSES. Legislators shall receive annual

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salaries. They may receive a per diem allowance for expenses for the

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first one hundred twenty consecutive calendar days of a regular session

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and while in special session and are entitled to travel expenses going

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to and from sessions. Presiding officers may receive additional com-

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penation.

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* Sec. 2. Article II, sec. 9, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 9. SPECIAL SESSIONS. Special sessions may be called by

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the governor or by vote of two-thirds of the legislators. The vote may

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be conducted by the legislative council or as prescribed by law. At

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special sessions called by the governor, legislation shall be limited to

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subjects designated in his proclamation calling the session, to subjects

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presented by him, and the reconsideration of bills vetoed by him after

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adjournment of the last regular session. [SPECIAL SESSIONS ARE LIMITED

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TO THIRTY DAYS.]

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* Sec 3. Article II, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska is

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amended to read:

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SECTION 10. ADJOURNMENT. The legislature shall adjourn no later

1 than ninety consecutive calendar days from the date it convenes in a
2 regular session except that a regular session may be extended for up
3 to twenty consecutive calendar days after the ninetieth day and may be
4 further extended for up to ten consecutive calendar days after the last
5 day of the first extension. The first extension period may be called
6 for by vote of a majority of the legislature in joint session; the
7 second extension period may be called for by vote of two-thirds of the
8 legislature in joint session. The legislature shall adjourn no later
9 than ten consecutive calendar days from the date it convenes in special
10 session. Before the time specified in this section for adjournment,
11 neither [NEITHER] house may adjourn or recess for longer than three days
12 unless the other concurs. If the regular session ends without the
13 passage of a budget, the governor shall call a special session for
14 fifteen days to commence immediately and limited to consideration of
15 the budget. [IF THE TWO HOUSES CANNOT AGREE ON THE TIME OF ADJOURNMENT
16 AND EITHER HOUSE CERTIFIES THE DISAGREEMENT TO THE GOVERNOR, HE MAY
17 ADJOURN THE LEGISLATURE.]

18 * Sec. 4. Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is
19 amended to read:

20 SECTION 12. BUDGET. The governor shall submit to the legislature,
21 at a time fixed by law, a budget for the next fiscal year setting forth
22 all proposed expenditures and anticipated income of all departments,
23 offices, and agencies of the State. The governor, at the same time,
24 shall submit a general appropriation bill to authorize the proposed
25 expenditures, and a bill or bills covering recommendations in the budget
26 for new or additional revenues. The finance committee of the legisla-
27 ture which receives the governor's budget bill shall issue its report
28 on the budget by the seventieth legislative day. A free conference
29 committee on the budget shall have fifteen days to consider the budget

1 and to issue its report.

2 * Sec. 5. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
3 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
4 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election
5 laws of the state.

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