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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Con-  
6 stitution of the State of Alaska  
7 relating to the terms of state  
8 legislators.

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

10 \* Section 1. Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
11 repealed and re-adopted to read:

12 SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERMS. (a) Legislators shall be elected  
13 at general elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the  
14 January following election unless otherwise provided by law.

15 (b) The term of a representative shall be four years. One-half of  
16 the representatives shall be elected every two years, except that all  
17 representatives shall be elected at the first general election held  
18 after the proclamation of legislative reapportionment and redistricting  
19 issued by the governor under Article VI, Section 10. Immediately after  
20 they have been assembled in consequence of the first general election  
21 held after the reapportionment and redistricting, representatives shall  
22 be divided equally by lot into two classes. The seats of representa-  
23 tives of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the  
24 second year and of the second class at the expiration of the fourth  
25 year.

26 (c) The term of a senator shall be six years. One-third of the  
27 senators shall be elected every two years, except that all senators  
28 shall be elected at the first general election held after the proclama-  
29 tion of legislative reapportionment and redistricting issued by the

1 governor under Article VI, Section 10. Immediately after they have been  
2 assembled in consequence of the first general election held after the  
3 reapportionment and redistricting, senators shall be divided by lot as  
4 equally as may be into three classes. The seats of senators of the  
5 first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of  
6 the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third  
7 class at the expiration of the sixth year.

8 \* Sec. 2. TRANSITION. Notwithstanding any other provision of the con-  
9 stitution or state law, the terms of state senators which would normally end  
10 on the fourth Monday of January, 1985 shall be filled at the general election  
11 for a short term to end on the fourth Monday of January, 1983. At the  
12 general election of November, 1982, the terms of all members of the legisla-  
13 ture shall be filled. Members elected shall have terms as provided in sec. 1  
14 of this resolution.

15 \* Sec. 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
16 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity  
17 with art. XIII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the  
18 election laws of the state.

19 \* Sec. 4. Section 1 of this resolution takes effect July 1, 1982.  
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