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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Consti-
6 tution of the State of Alaska relat-
7 ing to limiting increases in expendi-
8 tures and requiring payment by the
9 state of mandated increased expendi-
10 tures of a political subdivision of
11 the state.

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

13 * Section 1. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended
14 by adding new sections to read:

15 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION GROWTH LIMIT. In no year shall the rate
16 of growth of appropriations from state revenues, excepting appropria-
17 tions to the permanent fund established in Section 15 of this article,
18 exceed the estimated rate of growth of the economy of the State as
19 determined by law. An appropriation in excess of this limit shall not
20 be made unless a state of emergency is declared to exist, as provided by
21 law. A state of emergency may not be declared if a state of emergency
22 has been declared within the preceding three years. The appropriation
23 limit for each of the three years following the declaration of emergency
24 shall be adjusted equally so that the total appropriations for the year
25 of the emergency and the succeeding three years do not exceed the appro-
26 priations which could have been made under this section if no emergency
27 had been declared. The limit on rate of growth of appropriations for
28 each year shall be calculated without regard to a declared emergency or
29 the subsequent three-year adjustment.

1 SECTION 17. RETURN OF REVENUES TO TAXPAYERS. Revenues received by
2 the State in excess of the amount appropriated in compliance with this
3 article during a fiscal year shall be distributed to the taxpayers of
4 the State as provided by law. No appropriation is required for a dis-
5 tribution under this section within the succeeding fiscal year.

6 * Sec. 2. Article II, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 SECTION 22. INCREASED COSTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. No general
9 law requiring increased expenditures by a political subdivision shall
10 become effective unless the legislature has provided that the State pay
11 the amount of increased cost to the political subdivision.

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

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