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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the
6 Constitution of the State of Alaska
7 relating to limiting increases in
8 expenditures and requiring payment
9 by the state of mandated increased
10 expenditures of a political sub-
11 division of 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 a new section to read:

15 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION GROWTH LIMIT. In no year shall the
16 rate of growth of appropriations from state revenues, excepting ap-
17 propriations to the permanent fund established in Section 15 of this
18 article and excepting appropriations made for the purpose of loans to
19 be made by the State, exceed the estimated rate of growth of the
20 economy of the State as determined by law. An appropriation in excess
21 of this limit shall not be made unless a state of emergency is declared
22 to exist, as provided by law. A state of emergency may not be declared
23 if a state of emergency has been declared within the preceding three
24 years. The appropriation limit for each of the three years following
25 the declaration of emergency shall be adjusted equally so that the
26 total appropriations for the year of the emergency and the succeeding
27 three years do not exceed the appropriations which could have been made
28 under this section if no emergency had been declared. The limit on
29 rate of growth of appropriations for each year shall be calculated

1 without regard to a declared emergency or the subsequent three-year
2 adjustment.

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

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