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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-
6 tion of the State of Alaska relating to
7 limitations on appropriations of state
8 money.

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

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

12 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION LIMITATIONS. The amount of State money
13 appropriated during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount appropri-
14 ated in the preceding fiscal year by more than the increase in the fed-
15 eral consumer price index for the state for the calendar year preceding
16 the governor's submission of the budget under section 12 of this arti-
17 cle plus a percentage equal to the average yearly growth in the State's
18 population as shown by the last two federal censuses or renumerations.
19 Money appropriated under any exception prescribed by section 17 of this
20 article shall not be included in the base for determining the allowable
21 increase from year to year.

22 SECTION 17. EXCEPTIONS FROM APPROPRIATION LIMITATIONS. The limi-
23 tations on increases in appropriations do not apply to appropriations
24 of money to be deposited in the permanent fund; money appropriated to
25 pay permanent fund dividends; money appropriated to capitalize loan
26 funds, but the money to subsidize low interest loans must be appro-
27 priated separately and is subject to the limitations; money appropriated
28 to construct capital improvements, whether of bond proceeds or other-
29 wise, where the appropriation for the capital improvements is approved

1 by the voters; money appropriated to escrow accounts or otherwise to
2 repay general obligation bonds; money appropriated as a reserve for
3 disasters of natural or human origin or other emergencies; money appro-
4 priated to coincide with increases in user fees; money appropriated to
5 meet increases in costs to the State resulting from court orders or a
6 transfer of authority or responsibility to the State from the federal
7 government; money derived from one-quarter of the income from those
8 contributions made to the permanent fund which exceed the minimum
9 required by this constitution; or money appropriated by a vote of
10 two-thirds of the membership of each house and approved by the governor
11 to meet disasters of natural or human origin which are declared by the
12 governor.

13 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed be-
14 fore the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity with
15 art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election
16 laws of the state.