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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Con-
6 stitution of the State of Alaska
7 relating to membership of the Commis-
8 sion on Judicial Qualifications.

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

10 * Section 1. Article IV, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska,
11 is amended to read:

12 SECTION. 10. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS. The Commis-
13 sion on Judicial Qualifications shall consist of nine members, as
14 follows: one justice of the supreme court, elected by the justices of
15 the supreme court; one judge [THREE JUDGES] of the superior court,
16 elected by the judges of the superior court; one judge of the district
17 court, elected by the judges of the district court; three [TWO] members
18 who have practiced law in this state for ten years, appointed by the
19 governor from nominations made by the governing body of the organized
20 bar and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the leg-
21 islature in joint session; and three [TWO] persons who are not judges,
22 retired judges, or members of the state bar, appointed by the governor
23 and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legisla-
24 ture in joint session. In addition to being subject to impeachment
25 under section 12 of this article, a justice or judge may be disqualified
26 from acting as such and may be suspended, removed from office, retired,
27 or censured by the supreme court upon the recommendation of the commis-
28 sion. The powers and duties of the commission and the bases for judi-
29 cial disqualification shall be established by law.

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