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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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
16 rate of growth of appropriations from state revenues, excepting appropria-
17 tions to the permanent fund established in Section 15 of this article
18 and excepting appropriations for capital improvements, exceed the esti-
19 mated rate of growth of the economy of the State as determined by law.
20 An appropriation in excess of this limit shall not be made unless a
21 state of emergency is declared to exist, as provided by law. The
22 appropriation limit for each of the three years following the
23 declaration of emergency shall be adjusted equally so that the total
24 appropriations for the year of the emergency and the succeeding three
25 years do not exceed the appropriations which could have been made under
26 this section if no emergency had been declared. The limit on rate of
27 growth of appropriations for each year shall be calculated without
28 regard to a declared emergency or the subsequent three-year adjustment.

29 SECTION 17. RETURN OF REVENUES TO TAXPAYERS. Revenues received

1 by the State in excess of the amount appropriated in compliance with
2 this article during a fiscal year shall be distributed to the taxpayers
3 of the State as provided by law. No appropriation is required for a
4 distribution under this section within the succeeding fiscal year.

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

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

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