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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 (Judiciary)

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 requested by the governor and appropriated by the legislature during a  
14 fiscal year shall not exceed the amount appropriated in the preceding  
15 fiscal year by more than the increase in the federal consumer price  
16 index for the state for the calendar year preceding the governor's  
17 submission of the budget under section 12 of this article plus a per-  
18 centage equal to the average yearly growth in the State's population as  
19 shown by the last two federal censuses or renumerations. Money appro-  
20 priated under any exemption prescribed by section 17 of this article  
21 shall not be included in the base for determining the allowable increase  
22 from year to year.

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

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

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