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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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 limitations on appropriations  
8 of state 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 the governor may request or the legislature may appropriate 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 or minus  
18 a percentage equal to the cumulative average yearly growth or loss in  
19 the State's population as shown by the last two federal censuses or  
20 reenumerations. Money appropriated under any exception prescribed by  
21 Section 17 of this article shall not be included in the base for deter-  
22 mining the allowable increase from year to year. For purposes of this  
23 section, the amount of \$2.7 billion shall be used as the amount of  
24 appropriations in fiscal year 1982.

25 SECTION 17. EXEMPTIONS FROM APPROPRIATION LIMITATIONS. The  
26 limitations on increases in appropriations established in Section 16 of  
27 this article do not apply to money received in trust for a specific  
28 purpose; to appropriations of money to be deposited in the Alaska  
29 permanent fund; to money appropriated to pay principal and interest on

1 general obligation bonds; to money appropriated to capitalize loan  
2 funds, but only if the money to subsidize these loans at below market  
3 interest rates is appropriated separately under the limitations; to  
4 money not to exceed \$1,500 per capita appropriated by the affirmative  
5 vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house, whether of bond  
6 proceeds or otherwise, to construct capital improvements; or to money  
7 appropriated by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house  
8 and approved by the governor to meet disasters of natural or human  
9 origin which are declared by the governor.

10 \* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
11 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity  
12 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election  
13 laws of the state.