

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE 2d FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitution
6 of the State of Alaska relating to limit-
7 ing increases in appropriations.

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

9 * Section 1. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended
10 by adding a new section to read:

11 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION LIMIT. Except for appropriations for
12 Alaska permanent fund dividends, appropriations of revenue bond pro-
13 ceeds, appropriations required to pay the principal and interest on
14 general obligation bonds, and appropriations of money received from a
15 non-State source in trust for a specific purpose, including revenues of
16 a public enterprise or public corporation of the State that issues
17 revenue bonds, appropriations from the treasury made for a fiscal year
18 shall not exceed \$2,500,000,000 by more than the cumulative change,
19 derived from federal indices as prescribed by law, in population and
20 inflation since July 1, 1981. Within this limit, at least one-third
21 shall be reserved for capital projects and loan appropriations. The
22 legislature may exceed this limit in bills for appropriations to the
23 Alaska permanent fund and in bills for appropriations for capital
24 projects, whether of bond proceeds or otherwise, if each bill is ap-
25 proved by the governor, or passed by affirmative vote of three-fourths
26 of the membership of the legislature over a veto or item veto, or
27 becomes law without signature, and is also approved by the voters as
28 prescribed by law. Each bill for appropriations for capital projects
29 in excess of the limit shall be confined to capital projects of the

1 same type, and the voters shall, as provided by law, be informed of the
2 cost of operations and maintenance of the capital projects. No other
3 appropriation in excess of this limit may be made except to meet a
4 state of disaster declared by the governor as prescribed by law. The
5 governor shall cause any unexpended and unappropriated balance to be
6 invested so as to yield competitive market rates to the treasury.

7 * Sec. 2. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by
8 adding new sections to read:

9 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATIONS FOR RELOCATION OF THE CAPITAL. If a
10 majority of those voting on the question at the general election in
11 1982 approve the ballot proposition for the total cost to the State of
12 providing for relocation of the capital, no additional voter approval
13 of appropriations for that purpose within the cost approved by the
14 voters is required under the 1982 amendment limiting increases in
15 appropriations (art. IX, sec. 16).

16 SECTION 27. RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT LIMITING INCREASES IN
17 APPROPRIATIONS. If the 1982 amendment limiting appropriation increases
18 (art. IX, sec. 16) is adopted, the lieutenant governor shall cause the
19 ballot title and proposition for the amendment to be placed on the
20 ballot again at the general election in 1986. If the majority of those
21 voting on the proposition in 1986 rejects the amendment, it shall be
22 repealed.

23 SECTION 28. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT. The 1982 amendment limit-
24 ing appropriation increases (art. IX, sec. 16) applies to appropria-
25 tions made for fiscal year 1984 and thereafter.

26 * Section 3. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed
27 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
28 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
29 tion laws of the state.