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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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 the terms and election of  
8 legislators.

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

10 \* Section 1. Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
11 repealed and readopted to read:

12 SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERMS. (a) Legislators shall be elected  
13 at general elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the  
14 January following election unless otherwise provided by law. Except as  
15 otherwise provided in this section, the term of a legislator is three  
16 years.

17 (b) One-half of the membership of the house of representatives  
18 elected in 1984 shall have a term of two years and one-half of the  
19 membership of the house of representatives elected in 1984 shall have a  
20 term of three years.

21 (c) The one-half of the membership of the senate elected in 1984  
22 shall have a term of three years and the one-half of the membership of  
23 the senate elected in 1986 shall have a term of three years.

24 (d) At the 1984 general election, a representative shall be  
25 chosen for a two-year term from each of the following house election  
26 districts: 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 21; two  
27 representatives shall be chosen for a two-year term from house election  
28 districts 7 and 8; and three representatives shall be chosen for a  
29 two-year term from house district 20.

1 (e) At the 1984 general election, a representative shall be  
2 chosen for a three-year term from each of the following house election  
3 districts: 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 22; two  
4 representatives shall be chosen for a three-year term from house  
5 election districts 7 and 8; and three representatives shall be chosen  
6 for a three-year term from house election district 20.

7 (f) If new house election districts are created through reapportionment  
8 before the 1984 general election, that election shall conform  
9 as closely as possible to the schedule established under (d) and (e) of  
10 this section.

11 (g) No person who has been elected as a legislator for two full  
12 successive three-year terms shall be again eligible to hold office as a  
13 senator or representative until one full term has intervened.

14 \* Sec. 2. Article V, sec. 5, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
15 repealed and readopted to read:

16 SECTION 5. GENERAL ELECTIONS. The legislature shall establish by  
17 law the date for general elections for governor and lieutenant governor  
18 and the members of the legislature.

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