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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 (Judiciary)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-
6 tion of the State of Alaska providing
7 that a legislator who is convicted of a
8 felony forfeits legislative office.

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

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

12 SECTION 22. FORFEITURE OF OFFICE. A legislator who is convicted
13 of a felony involving moral turpitude forfeits legislative office.
14 The office is vacant on the date that judgment of conviction by the
15 trial court is affirmed on appeal or the period for appeal has ex-
16 pired. An appeal from the decision of the trial court is to the
17 Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear the appeal within twenty
18 days of the date judgment of conviction is entered by the trial court.
19 The vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term as provided by law
20 for vacancies in the legislature.

21 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed
22 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
23 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
24 tion laws of the state.

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