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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-  
tion of Alaska relating to establishment  
of compensation of elected officials.

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

9 \* Section 1. Article II, Sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska is  
10 amended to read:

11 SECTION 7. SALARY AND EXPENSES. Legislators shall receive  
12 annual salaries. They may receive a per diem allowance for expenses  
13 while in session and are entitled to travel expenses going to and from  
14 sessions. Presiding officers may receive additional compensation.  
15 The compensation of legislators shall be prescribed by the Commission  
16 on Compensation of Elected Officers under Section 14 of Article XII of  
17 the Constitution and shall not be diminished during their term of  
18 office.

19 \* Sec. 2. Article III, Sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska is  
20 amended to read:

21 SECTION 15. COMPENSATION. The compensation of the governor and  
22 the lieutenant governor shall be prescribed by the Commission on  
23 Compensation of Elected Officers under Section 14 of Article XII of  
24 this constitution [BY LAW] and shall not be diminished during their  
25 term of office [, UNLESS BY GENERAL LAW APPLYING TO ALL SALARIED  
26 OFFICERS OF THE STATE].

27 \* Sec. 3. Article XII, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended  
28 by adding a new section to read:

29 SECTION 14. COMMISSION ON COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS. (a)

1       There is established a Commission on Compensation of Elected Officers.  
2       The commission is composed of five members appointed for terms of four  
3       years. The commission shall be composed of at least one business  
4       executive, one representative of a nonpartisan voters' organization,  
5       one person with experience in public administration, and one represen-  
6       tative of a labor organization. The members shall be appointed by the  
7       governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the  
8       legislature in joint session.

9               (b) No member of the commission shall be employed by the State  
10       during the term for which appointed, nor shall a member hold elective  
11       state office during the member's term or within one year thereafter.

12              (c) The commission shall establish the compensation, including  
13       salaries, benefits, and allowances, if any, of elected officials. A  
14       decision of the commission takes effect at the beginning of the next  
15       fiscal year.

16              (d) The commission shall afford an opportunity for the public to  
17       be heard before rendering a decision that changes the compensation of  
18       an elected official. Every two years, the commission shall review the  
19       compensation of elected officials. The commission shall render its  
20       decision with respect to salaries not later than ninety days before  
21       the date of the general election.

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