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HOUSE BILL NO. 513

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the constitutional appropriation
7 limitation and budget reserve fund; and providing for
8 an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 37.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 37.05.156. BUDGET RESERVE FUND; APPROPRIATION LIMIT. (a)

12 There is established as a separate fund in the state treasury the
13 budget reserve fund. The budget reserve fund consists of money ded-
14 icated to that fund by art. IX, sec. 17 of the Alaska Constitution.

15 (b) For the purposes of determining the appropriation limitation
16 amount under art. IX, sec. 16, of the Alaska Constitution, (1) an
17 appropriation is considered to be made in the calendar year in which
18 it is enacted, and (2) "appropriation" includes money received by the
19 state, described in art. IX, sec. 17(a), of the Alaska Constitution,
20 which exceeds the maximum balance of the fund and is subsequently
21 deposited in the general fund and appropriated. For the purposes of
22 art. IX, sec. 17, of the Alaska Constitution, the amount of money
23 received by the state includes any surplus carried forward from the
24 preceding fiscal year, or is reduced by any deficit from that preced-
25 ing fiscal year.

26 (c) A reappropriation of no more than the remaining balance of
27 the amount appropriated in a prior year is considered an appropriation
28 attributable to the calendar year in which the appropriation was first
29 enacted. Only if, within a single section of an appropriation bill,

1 there is an explicit repeal of an appropriation coupled with a new
2 appropriation is there a reappropriation for the purposes of this
3 subsection.

4 (d) If the governor determines that the money received by the
5 state from state sources in a fiscal year is less than 95 percent of
6 the amount appropriated from state sources during the preceding calen-
7 dar year, amounts may be transferred from the budget reserve fund to
8 the general fund, up to a limit of either 25 percent of the budget
9 reserve fund balance, or the difference between money received from
10 state sources in that fiscal year and 95 percent of appropriations
11 during the preceding calendar year, whichever is less. Determination
12 of the need for budget reserve fund expenditures for a fiscal year
13 must be made during the final quarter of that fiscal year.

14 (e) As authorized by art. IX, sec. 17(b), of the Alaska Consti-
15 tution, 75 percent of the money received by the state, described in
16 art. IX, sec. 17(a), of the Alaska Constitution, which exceeds the
17 maximum balance of the fund, must be deposited in the Alaska permanent
18 fund.

19 (f) In art. IX, sec. 17, of the Alaska Constitution, "emergency"
20 means the events set out in AS 26.23.230(1) or a reduction of the
21 revenue from nonstate sources which seriously impairs the ability of
22 the state to perform essential functions.

23 (g) In this section and art. IX, secs. 16 and 17, of the Alaska
24 Constitution, "state source" means (1) the undistributed income ac-
25 count in the permanent fund, and (2) all sources of money in the state
26 general fund except (A) federal sources, (B) bond proceeds, and (C)
27 sources from which money is received in trust for a specific purpose.

28 * Sec. 2. The lieutenant governor shall include on the ballot for the
29 1986 general election an explanation that an affirmative vote on the

1 constitutional amendment providing for the budget reserve fund and revising
2 the appropriation limit will supersede an affirmative vote on the reconsid-
3 eration, under art. XV, sec. 27, of the Alaska Constitution, of the 1982
4 amendment establishing the appropriation limit.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 37.05.159, reserve for emergency operating expenses ac-
6 count (the "rainy day fund"), is repealed, and the balance in that account
7 is transferred to the budget reserve fund.

8 * Sec. 4. Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect on the effective
9 date of a constitutional amendment establishing the budget reserve fund and
10 revising the appropriation limit.

11 * Sec. 5. Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance
12 with AS 01.10.070(c).