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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing amendments to the Constitution

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of the State of Alaska relating to the

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office of state treasurer.

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

9 \* Section 1. Article III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
10 is amended to read:

11 SECTION 23. REORGANIZATION. Except as provided in this section,  
12 the [THE] governor may make changes in the organization of the execu-  
13 tive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he  
14 considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these changes  
15 require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders.  
16 The legislature shall have sixty days of a regular session, or a full  
17 session if of shorter duration, to disapprove these executive orders.  
18 Unless disapproved by resolution concurred in by a majority of the  
19 members in joint session, these orders become effective at a date  
20 thereafter to be designated by the governor. The governor may not  
21 change the organization or function of any unit of the executive  
22 branch that is headed by the state treasurer.

23 \* Sec. 2. Article III, sec. 24, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
24 amended to read:

25 SECTION 24. SUPERVISION. Except for any unit of the executive  
26 branch that is headed by the state treasurer, each [EACH] principal  
27 department shall be under the supervision of the governor.

28 \* Sec. 3. Article III, sec. 25, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is  
29 amended to read:

1           SECTION 25. DEPARTMENT HEADS. The head of each principal de-  
2           partment shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided by law.  
3           He shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a  
4           majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and shall  
5           serve at the pleasure of the governor, except as otherwise provided in  
6           this article with respect to the lieutenant governor and as provided  
7           in Section 17 of Article IX with respect to the state treasurer [SEC-  
8           RETARY OF STATE]. The heads of all principal departments shall be  
9           citizens of the United States.

10       \* Sec. 4. Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended  
11 by adding new sections to read:

12           SECTION 17. STATE TREASURER. There shall be a state treasurer.  
13           The state treasurer shall be a qualified voter of the State, a citizen  
14           of the United States, and a resident of Alaska for at least five years  
15           preceding filing for office. The state treasurer shall be chosen by  
16           the qualified voters of the State at a general election. The candi-  
17           date receiving the greatest number of votes shall be state treasurer.  
18           The first election of a state treasurer shall be at the general elec-  
19           tion in 1988. The term of office of the state treasurer is four  
20           years, beginning at noon on the first Monday in December following the  
21           election and ending at noon on the first Monday in December four years  
22           later. The state treasurer may not serve more than two successive  
23           full terms. The state treasurer shall be the auditor of the accounts  
24           of all departments, offices, and agencies of the State including the  
25           Legislature, the Executive, and the Judiciary, all independent state  
26           corporations, all political subdivisions of the State including  
27           municipalities, and the University of Alaska. The state treasurer  
28           shall perform other duties prescribed by law. The office of the state  
29           treasurer constitutes an agency independent of the executive branch

1 agencies named in Section 22 of Article III.

2 SECTION 18. VACANCY. In case of a vacancy in the office of  
3 state treasurer for any reason, a successor shall be elected for the  
4 remainder of the unexpired term at the first general election occur-  
5 ring not less than ninety days after the office becomes vacant. The  
6 assistant treasurer shall fill the office between the date it becomes  
7 vacant and the date it is filled by election.

8 SECTION 19. COMPENSATION. The compensation of the state trea-  
9 surer shall be equal to the compensation of the lieutenant governor  
10 and shall not be diminished during the term of office, unless by  
11 general law applying to all salaried officers of the State.

12 \* Sec. 5. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended  
13 by adding a new section to read:

14 SECTION 29. BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER. The  
15 yearly amount appropriated for the office of the state treasurer for  
16 the second, third, and fourth years of operation may not be less than  
17 the amount appropriated for the first year of operation.

18 \* Sec. 6. Section 14, Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
19 is repealed.

20 \* Sec. 7. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
21 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity  
22 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-  
23 tion laws of the state.