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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-
tion of the State of Alaska establishing
a state officers compensation commis-
sion.

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

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

12 SECTION 14. STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION. The state
13 officers compensation commission shall consist of seven members ap-
14 pointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of
15 the members of the legislature in joint session. A person who is an
16 elected municipal official, an employee of the legislative, judicial,
17 or executive branches of state government including the University of
18 Alaska, or a member of another state board, commission, or authority
19 may not serve as a member of the compensation commission. Members of
20 the commission shall be appointed for four-year terms except that the
21 initial members of the commission shall be appointed to terms so that
22 no more than two vacancies occur in a single year. A vacancy shall be
23 filled for the unexpired term. The commission shall act by
24 concurrence of four or more members and according to rules that it
25 adopts. The commission may revise the salaries, benefits, and expense
26 allowances of members of the legislature, the governor, lieutenant
27 governor, justices and judges of the court system, and the head of
28 each principal department. The salaries, benefits, and expense
29 allowances established by the commission take effect on the first day

1 of the next regular legislative session. However, the legislature may
2 reject the salaries, benefits, or expense allowances by a concurrent
3 resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members in each house of the
4 legislature. The legislature shall implement this section by law.

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