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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39 (Judiciary)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-  
6 tion of the State of Alaska relating to  
7 the right of a citizen to keep and bear  
8 arms.  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
10 \* Section 1. Article I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
11 is amended to read:  
12 SECTION 19. RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. The [A WELL-REGULATED  
13 MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE] right of  
14 a person [THE PEOPLE] to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes shall  
15 not be infringed.  
16 \* Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature intends that the amend-  
17 ment clarify the Alaska Constitution by providing that the right to keep  
18 and bear arms is an individual right rather than a collective right. This  
19 amendment does not repeal or render unconstitutional statutes such as  
20 assault with a dangerous weapon or being a felon in possession of a firearm  
21 or similar laws, ordinances, or regulations of municipalities or instrumen-  
22 talities of the state.  
23 \* Sec. 3. In the preparation of its neutral summary under AS 15.58.020  
24 (6)(C), the Legislative Affairs Agency shall include sec. 2 of this resolu-  
25 tion.  
26 \* Sec. 4. The amendment proposed by this resolution and sec. 2 of this  
27 resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state at the next  
28 general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
29 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.