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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-
tion of the State of Alaska relating to
the right of a citizen to keep and bear
firearms.

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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:

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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 each citizen of the state [THE PEOPLE] to keep and bear arms for
15 personal defense and for the defense of family, property, and the
16 state and for lawful hunting, recreation, and other lawful purposes,
17 shall not be infringed by the state or by a borough or city of the
18 state.

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* Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) In proposing the amendment to art.
20 I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, in sec. 1 of this resolu-
21 tion, the legislature intends only that the amendment proposed clarify the
22 Alaska Constitution by providing that the right to keep and bear arms is an
23 individual right rather than a collective right. The amendment, if adopt-
24 ed, should not be construed to preclude the regulation of the manner in
25 which arms may be borne, carried, or used. For example, the adoption of
26 this amendment should not be used to repeal or to render unconstitutional
27 existing statutes such as AS 11.41.200 or AS 11.61.200 or existing municipi-
28 pal ordinances.

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(b) In the preparation of its neutral summary under AS 15.58.020

1 (6)(C), the Legislative Affairs Agency shall consider the statement of
2 legislative intent contained in (a) of this section.

3 * Sec. 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed
4 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity
5 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
6 tion laws of the state.