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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Judiciary)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-  
6 tion of the State of Alaska relating to  
7 the right of a person 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 the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.  
15 \* Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) In proposing the amendment to art.  
16 I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, in sec. 1 of this resolu-  
17 tion, the legislature intends only that the proposed amendment clarify the  
18 Alaska Constitution by providing that the right to keep and bear arms is an  
19 individual right as well as a collective right. The amendment, if adopted,  
20 should not be construed to preclude the regulation of the manner in which  
21 arms may be borne, carried, or used. For example, the adoption of this  
22 amendment should not be interpreted to repeal or to render unconstitutional  
23 statutes or municipal ordinances regarding assault, misconduct involving  
24 weapons, or other similar offenses.  
25 (b) In the preparation of its neutral summary under AS 15.58.-  
26 020(6)(C), the Legislative Affairs Agency shall consider the statement of  
27 legislative intent contained in (a) of this section.  
28 \* Sec. 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
29 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity

1 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-  
2 tion laws of the state.