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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 for the lawful defense of self,
15 family, property, and the State, and for lawful hunting, recreation,
16 and other lawful purposes shall not be infringed.

17 * Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (a) In proposing the amendment to
18 art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, in sec. 1 of this
19 resolution, the legislature intends only that the proposed amendment clari-
20 fy the Alaska Constitution by providing that the right to keep and bear
21 arms is an individual right as well as a collective right. The amendment,
22 if adopted, should not be construed to preclude the regulation of the
23 manner in which arms may be borne, carried, or used. For example, the
24 adoption of this amendment should not be interpreted to repeal or to render
25 unconstitutional statutes or municipal ordinances regarding assault, mis-
26 conduct involving weapons, or other similar offenses.

27 (b) In the preparation of its neutral summary under AS 15.58.-
28 020(6)(C), the Legislative Affairs Agency shall consider the statement of
29 legislative intent contained in (a) of this section.

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