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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing amendments to the Constitution

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of the State of Alaska relating to

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legislative action on bills and resolu-

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tions and legislative caucuses.

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

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* Section 1. Article II, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amend-

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ed by adding new sections to read:

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SECTION 22. REFERRAL AND ACTION ON BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. (a)

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No bill may become law unless it is referred to at least one committee

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in each house for consideration upon its merits and is reported back

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to the house by that committee.

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(b) Every bill or resolution referred to a committee shall be

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considered by the committee at a public hearing held within appro-

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prate deadlines established by the legislature. A motion by a com-

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mittee member to report the bill or resolution to the house is always

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in order. Each bill or resolution reported by the last committee it

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is referred to for consideration upon its merits shall be calendared

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and considered by the house. A bill or resolution shall be calendared

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in the order it is reported by the last committee.

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(c) A bill or resolution adopted in violation of this section is

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void.

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SECTION 23. CAUCUSES. (a) No legislator may be required or

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committed, through a caucus vote or similar procedure, to vote in

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favor of or against any matter coming before the legislature or a

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house of the legislature.

1 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a legislator may vote
2 in a caucus on matters relating to selection of officers of the caucus
3 or organization of the legislature.

4 (c) Action taken in violation of this section is void.

5 * Sec. 2. The amendments 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.