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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Constitution
6 of the State of Alaska relating to the
7 duration of a regular session.

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

9 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
10 amended to read:

11 SECTION 8. REGULAR SESSIONS. (a) The legislature shall convene
12 in regular session each year on the fourth Monday in January, but the
13 month and day may be changed by law. Each regular session is limited
14 to [THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ADJOURN FROM REGULAR SESSION NO LATER THAN]
15 one hundred [TWENTY] consecutive calendar days composed of a forty-
16 five day period during which the legislature may meet, followed by a
17 ten-day period during which neither house may meet, followed by
18 another forty-five day period during which the legislature may meet.
19 However, the last forty-five day period of [FROM THE DATE IT CONVENES
20 EXCEPT THAT] a regular session may be extended once for up to ten
21 consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session re-
22 quires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership
23 of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall adopt as part
24 of the uniform rules of procedure deadlines for scheduling session
25 work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the
26 session.

27 * Sec. 2. Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
28 amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (b) On the last day of the first forty-five day period of a

1 regular session, the governor shall submit to the legislature an
2 estimate of state revenue expected to be received during the next
3 fiscal year.

4 * Sec. 3. Article II, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska is
5 amended to read:

6 SECTION 10. ADJOURNMENT. Except as required by Section 8 of
7 this article, neither [NEITHER] house may adjourn or recess for longer
8 than three days unless the other concurs. If the two houses cannot
9 agree on the time of adjournment and either house certifies the dis-
10 agreement to the governor, he may adjourn the legislature.

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