

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 (JUDICIARY) am
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/11/92
Offered: 5/5/92

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, Ellis, Ulmer, Brown, Finkelstein, Taylor, Donley

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska limiting tenure in the
2 legislature and in the United States Congress.

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

4 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERMS. Legislators shall be elected at general
6 elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the January following election unless
7 otherwise provided by law. The term of representatives shall be two years, and the term of
8 senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be elected every two years. No person may
9 serve more than four full or partial consecutive terms as a representative and two full or
10 partial consecutive terms as a senator. In addition, no person may serve during more than
11 twelve consecutive full or partial years in the legislature. A person who has served for the
12 maximum consecutive periods permitted under this section may serve again after at least
13 twenty-three months have elapsed since that person last held office.

14 * Sec. 2. Article XII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 SECTION 14. TENURE OF UNITED STATES SENATORS AND

1 **REPRESENTATIVES.** No person may serve more than six full or partial consecutive terms as
2 a representative from this State in the Congress of the United States. No person may serve more
3 than two consecutive full or partial terms as a senator from this State in the Congress of the
4 United States. In addition, no person may serve during more than twelve consecutive full or
5 partial years in the Congress of the United States. A person who has served for the maximum
6 consecutive periods permitted under this section may serve again after at least twenty-three
7 months have elapsed since that person last held office.

8 * **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 **SECTION 29. TENURE OF LEGISLATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.** (a)
11 Except as provided in (b) of this section, for purposes of applying the 1992 amendments limiting
12 tenure for legislators (Section 3 of Article II) and limiting tenure for members of the Congress
13 of the United States (Section 14 of Article XII), time served in office before the effective date
14 of the 1992 amendments shall be considered.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the 1992 amendments limiting tenure for legislators and members
16 of the Congress of the United States, a person elected to the legislature or to the Congress before
17 the effective date of the amendments shall serve the term to which elected.

18 * **Sec. 4.** The 1992 amendments to sec. 14 of art. XIII and to sec. 30 of art. XV limiting tenure in
19 the Congress of the United States take effect on the first day that a constitutional amendment limiting
20 tenure in the Congress of the United States is in effect in all states.

21 * **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state
22 at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and
23 the election laws of the state.