

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to legislative**
2 **action on bills and resolutions and legislative caucuses.**

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

4 ***Section 1.** Article II, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new sections to
5 read:

6 **SECTION 22. REFERRAL AND ACTION ON BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.** (a) No
7 bill may become law unless it is referred to at least one committee in each house for
8 consideration upon its merits and is reported back to the house by that committee.

9 (b) Every bill or resolution referred to a committee shall be considered by the committee
10 at a public hearing held within appropriate deadlines established by the legislature. A motion
11 by a committee member to report the bill or resolution to the house is always in order. Each bill
12 or resolution reported by the last committee it is referred to for consideration upon its merits shall
13 be calendared and considered by the house. A bill or resolution shall be calendared in the order
14 it is reported by the last committee.

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

16 **SECTION 23. CAUCUSES.** (a) No legislator may be required or committed, through

1 a caucus vote or similar procedure, to vote in favor of or against any matter coming before the
2 legislature or a house of the legislature.

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

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

6 * Sec. 2. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state
7 at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and
8 the election laws of the state.