

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 (JUDICIARY)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Offered: 5/9/92
Referred: Finance**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LEMAN, Sharp, Zawacki, G.Phillips, Choquette, M.A.Miller, Taylor, Hanley

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.**

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

**14 SECTION 14. TENURE OF UNITED STATES SENATORS AND
15 REPRESENTATIVES. No person may serve more than four full or partial consecutive terms
16 as a representative from this State in the Congress of the United States. No person may serve**

1 more than two consecutive full or partial terms as a senator from this State in the Congress of
2 the United States. In addition, no person may serve during more than twelve consecutive full
3 or partial years in the Congress of the United States.

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

6 SECTION 29. TENURE OF LEGISLATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. The
7 1992 amendments limiting tenure in the legislature (Section 3 of Article II) and limiting tenure
8 in the Congress of the United States (Section 14 of Article XII) apply only to periods served in
9 office as the result of terms that begin after the effective date of the amendment.

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