

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46 (JUDICIARY)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Offered: 3/13/92
Referred: Finance**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the transmittal
2 of bills after passage, enactment of bills without the governor's signature, to vetoes, and
3 to consideration by the legislature of vetoed bills.**

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

5 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 14, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

**6 SECTION 14. PASSAGE OF BILLS. (a) The legislature shall establish the procedure
7 for enactment of bills into law. No bill may become law unless it has passed three readings in
8 each house on three separate days, except that any bill may be advanced from second to third
9 reading on the same day by concurrence of three-fourths of the house considering it. No bill
10 may become law without an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of each house.
11 The yeas and nays on final passage shall be entered in the journal.**

**12 (b) After final passage a bill shall be returned to the clerk or secretary of the house
13 in which it originated within twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays. If a bill is not returned
14 within this period it shall be considered to have been returned and the clerk or secretary
15 of the house of origin shall immediately prepare a duplicate which shall be substituted for
16 the original bill. Within seven days after receipt of the bill or preparation of a duplicate**

1 by the clerk or secretary, the clerk or secretary shall transmit it to the governor.

2 * Sec. 2. Article II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

3 SECTION 15. VETO. The governor may veto bills passed by the legislature. He may,
4 by veto, strike or reduce items in appropriation bills. He shall return any vetoed bill, with a
5 statement of his objections and with information supporting his veto decision, to the house of
6 origin.

7 * Sec. 3. Article II, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

8 SECTION 16. ACTION UPON VETO. (a) If a house of the legislature receives
9 [UPON RECEIPT OF] a veto message while both houses are in [DURING A] regular session
10 and no later than one hundred and fifteen calendar days after the date the session convened
11 [OF THE LEGISLATURE], the legislature shall meet on the fifth day after receipt of the
12 message [IMMEDIATELY] in joint session and shall provide the members an opportunity to
13 bring up reconsideration [RECONSIDER PASSAGE] of the vetoed bill or item. Bills to raise
14 revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by affirmative vote of
15 three-fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed bills become law by affirmative
16 vote of two-thirds of the membership of the legislature.

17 (b) If a house of the legislature receives a veto message while one or both houses is
18 adjourned from a [BILLS VETOED AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST] regular session
19 or later than one hundred and fifteen calendar days after the date the session convened, [OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE RECONSIDERED BY] the legislature shall meet on
21 [SITTING AS ONE BODY NO LATER THAN] the fifth day of the next regular or special
22 session in joint session and shall provide the members an opportunity to bring up
23 reconsideration of the vetoed bill or item [OF THAT LEGISLATURE. BILLS VETOED
24 AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION SHALL BE
25 RECONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE SITTING AS ONE BODY NO LATER THAN
26 THE FIFTH DAY OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THAT LEGISLATURE, IF ONE IS
27 CALLED]. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be entered on the journals of both
28 houses.

29 (c) Forty days after the last house adjourned from a regular session, each member
30 of the house shall contact the house clerk and each member of the senate shall contact the
31 senate secretary and indicate, in the affirmative or negative without qualification, whether
32 the legislature should meet in special session to reconsider vetoed bills. If at least forty

1 members request a special session, the session shall convene on a date agreed upon by the
2 presiding officers that is within seventy days after the last house adjourned from regular
3 session. If a member fails to contact the clerk or secretary as required under this
4 subsection, the member shall be considered to have requested a special session.

5 * Sec. 4. Article II, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 SECTION 17. BILLS NOT SIGNED. A bill becomes law if, [WHILE THE
7 LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION, THE GOVERNOR NEITHER SIGNS NOR VETOES IT]
8 within fifteen days, Sundays excepted, after its delivery to him, the governor fails to return the
9 vetoed bill with the veto message to the house of origin or returns the bill without signing
10 or vetoing it. [IF THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION AND THE GOVERNOR
11 NEITHER SIGNS NOR VETOES A BILL WITHIN TWENTY DAYS, SUNDAYS EXCEPTED,
12 AFTER ITS DELIVERY TO HIM, THE BILL BECOMES LAW.]

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