

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES MARTIN, Gonzales**

**Introduced: 1/14/92**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Calling for a state constitutional convention.**

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

**3 WHEREAS the legislature, under art. XIII, sec. 2 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, may  
4 call a constitutional convention at any time; and**

**5 WHEREAS, every 10 years, the people, under art. XIII, sec. 3 of the Constitution of the State  
6 of Alaska, vote on the question of whether to hold a constitutional convention; and**

**7 WHEREAS there has not been a constitutional convention held since statehood; and**

**8 WHEREAS there have been significant changes in federal constitutional law, including the  
9 development of the law concerning voting rights of citizens, that make review of the state election  
10 provisions timely and that create a need to repeal unconstitutional apportionment provisions; and**

**11 WHEREAS on the 200th anniversary of the federal Bill of Rights it is timely to review the  
12 comparable state constitutional provisions for individual rights; and**

**13 WHEREAS the state should consider allowing the people to change the constitution through the  
14 initiative process, a power given to the people of several other states; and**

**15 WHEREAS art. IX, sec. 1, addressing the power of taxation, and art. XII, sec. 8, which places  
16 those powers not enumerated in the state constitution in the state, should be repealed or modified because  
17 they conflict with the power of the people under art. I, sec. 1 of the state constitution and Amendments**

1 IX and X, as ratified, of the Bill of Rights to the federal constitution; and

2       **WHEREAS** much study and preparation was done in 1980 - 1981 for a constitutional convention  
3 and, therefore, there is no need to spend money to duplicate that work through grants or appropriations  
4 to the legislative council;

5       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature hereby issues a call for a state  
6 constitutional convention to be held in June 1993.