

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration
2 of a regular session and requiring an estimate of state revenue to be submitted to the
3 legislature during each regular session.

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

5 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 SECTION 8. REGULAR SESSIONS. (a) The legislature shall convene in regular
7 session each year on the fourth Monday in January, but the month and day may be changed by
8 law. Each regular session is limited to [THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ADJOURN FROM
9 REGULAR SESSION NO LATER THAN] one hundred [TWENTY] consecutive calendar days
10 composed of a forty-five day period during which the legislature may meet, followed by a
11 ten-day period during which neither house may meet, followed by another forty-five day
12 period during which the legislature may meet. However, the last forty-five day period of
13 [FROM THE DATE IT CONVENES EXCEPT THAT] a regular session may be extended once
14 for up to ten consecutive calendar days. An extension of the regular session requires the
15 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature. The
16 legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure deadlines for scheduling session

1 work not inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the session.

2 * Sec. 2. Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new subsection
3 to read:

4 (b) On the last day of the first forty-five day period of a regular session, the governor
5 shall submit to the legislature an estimate of state revenue expected to be received during the
6 next fiscal year.

7 * Sec. 3. Article II, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

8 SECTION 10. ADJOURNMENT. Except as required by Section 8 of this article,
9 neither [NEITHER] house may adjourn or recess for longer than three days unless the other
10 concurs. If the two houses cannot agree on the time of adjournment and either house certifies
11 the disagreement to the governor, he may adjourn the legislature.

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