

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 (JUDICIARY)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/1/91
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR COLLINS

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska establishing the
2 Commission on Public Standards.

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

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

6 SECTION 28. COMMISSION ON PUBLIC STANDARDS. (a) The Commission on
7 Public Standards is established as an independent organization. The members of the commission
8 shall be appointed by the supreme court and are subject to confirmation by three-fourths of the
9 members of the legislature in joint session.

10 (b) The Commission on Public Standards shall be responsible for the administration and
11 enforcement of all laws pertaining to (1) standards of ethical conduct for and financial disclosure
12 by elected officers and employees of the State, elected officers and employees of political
13 subdivisions of the State, and candidates for elective State or local offices; (2) regulation of
14 lobbying; and (3) State and local election campaign financing. The commission may be
15 responsible for the administration of other laws as provided by the legislature. However, the
16 commission has no jurisdiction over judicial officers or employees.

1 (c) The Commission on Public Standards may take action to enforce its responsibilities
2 under (b) of this section as provided by law, including the removal of elected officers from
3 office. Sections 12 and 20 of Article II do not limit the authority of the commission, and
4 Section 6 of Article II does not apply to actions taken by the commission.
5 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state
6 at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and
7 the election laws of the state.