

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33
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 enactment
2 of bills with the governor's signature and to reconsideration by the legislature of vetoed
3 bills.

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

5 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 SECTION 16. ACTION UPON VETO. Upon receipt of a veto message while both
7 houses [DURING A REGULAR SESSION] of the legislature are in regular session on or
8 before the one hundred and twentieth consecutive calendar day of that session, the
9 legislature shall meet immediately in joint session and reconsider passage of the vetoed bill or
10 item. Bills to raise revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by
11 affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed bills become
12 law by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the legislature. Bills vetoed and
13 returned to the house of origin after adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature
14 by one or both houses or after the one hundred and twentieth consecutive calendar day of
15 that session shall be reconsidered by the legislature sitting as one body no later than the fifth day
16 of the next regular or special session of that legislature. Bills vetoed and returned to the house

1 of origin after adjournment of the second regular session by one or both houses or after the
2 one hundred and twentieth consecutive calendar day of that session shall be reconsidered by
3 the legislature sitting as one body no later than the fifth day of a special session of that
4 legislature, if one is called. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be entered on the
5 journals of both houses.

6 * Sec. 2. Article II, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

7 SECTION 17. BILLS NOT SIGNED. A bill becomes law if [, WHILE THE
8 LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION,] the governor fails to return the vetoed bill with the veto
9 message to the house of origin [NEITHER SIGNS NOR VETOES IT] within fifteen days,
10 Sundays excepted, after its delivery to him. [IF THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION
11 AND THE GOVERNOR NEITHER SIGNS NOR VETOES A BILL WITHIN TWENTY DAYS,
12 SUNDAYS EXCEPTED, AFTER ITS DELIVERY TO HIM, THE BILL BECOMES LAW.]

13 * Sec. 3. 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.