

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR LEMAN

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **legislative action on bills and resolutions and legislative caucuses.**

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

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

6 **SECTION 22. REFERRAL AND ACTION ON BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

7 **(a) No bill may become law unless it is referred to at least one committee in each**
8 **house for consideration upon its merits and is reported back to the house by that**
9 **committee.**

10 **(b) Every bill or resolution referred to a committee shall be considered by the**
11 **committee at a public hearing held within appropriate deadlines established by the**
12 **legislature. A motion by a committee member to report the bill or resolution to the**
13 **house is always in order. Each bill or resolution reported by the last committee it is**
14 **referred to for consideration upon its merits shall be calendared and considered by the**
15 **house. A bill or resolution shall be calendared in the order it is reported by the last**
16 **committee it is referred to for consideration upon its merits.**

1 (c) A bill or resolution adopted in violation of this section is void.

2 SECTION 23. CAUCUSES. (a) No legislator may be required or committed,
3 through a caucus vote or similar procedure, to vote in favor of or against any matter
4 coming before the legislature or a house of the legislature.

5 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a legislator may vote in a caucus on
6 matters relating to selection of officers of the caucus or organization of the legislature.

7 (c) Action taken in violation of this section is void.

8 * Sec. 2. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
9 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
10 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.