

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to
2 elections of the governor and lieutenant governor and changing the term of office
3 of the governor and the lieutenant governor.

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

5 * Section 1. Article III, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

6 SECTION 3. ELECTION. The governor shall be chosen by the qualified
7 voters of the State at a general election. The candidate receiving the greatest number
8 of votes equal to or greater than forty percent of the total number of votes cast
9 for governor shall be governor. If no candidate receives at least forty percent of
10 the votes cast for governor, a runoff election between the two candidates receiving
11 the greatest number of votes cast shall be held on the first Tuesday in December
12 following the general election.

13 * Sec. 2. Article III, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

14 SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE. If a runoff election is required to elect
15 a governor, then the [THE] term of office of the governor begins [IS FOUR YEARS,
16 BEGINNING] at noon on the second day of January immediately after the election.

1 **Otherwise, the term of office of the governor begins at noon on the first Monday**
2 **in December following the governor's [HIS] election. Election for governor occurs**
3 **every four years [AND ENDING AT NOON ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN**
4 **DECEMBER FOUR YEARS LATER].**

5 * **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
6 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
7 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.