

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47
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 changing the
2 membership of the Judicial Council.

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

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

5 SECTION 8. JUDICIAL COUNCIL. The judicial council shall consist of
6 seven members. One [THREE] attorney member [MEMBERS] shall be appointed
7 for a six-year term [TERMS] by the governing body of the organized state bar. Five
8 [THREE] non-attorney members shall be appointed for six-year terms by the governor
9 subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.
10 Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in like manner. Appointments shall
11 be made with due consideration to area representation and without regard to political
12 affiliation. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be ex-officio the seventh
13 member and chair [CHAIRMAN] of the judicial council. No member of the judicial
14 council, except the chief justice, may hold any other office or position of profit under
15 the United States or the State. The judicial council shall act by concurrence of four
16 or more members and according to rules which it adopts.

1 * Sec. 2. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
2 section to read:

3 SECTION 29. MEMBERSHIP OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL. If the 1994
4 amendment changing the composition of the Judicial Council is adopted,
5 notwithstanding Section 8 of Article IV, as amended, the two attorney members
6 serving on the effective date of the amendment whose terms first expire may continue
7 to serve on the council for the remainder of their terms. Upon the expiration of a
8 term, the vacancy shall be filled under Section 8, Article IV, as amended.

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