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FILE

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: February 15, 1995

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/22/95

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HJR 5

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

LIMITING TERMS OF STATE LEGISLATORS

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators.

recommends it be replaced
with the following committee substitute

SHJRS (FIN)

the same title
 a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal note(s) _____

fiscal note(s) GOV 2/3/95

zero fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Mark Hanley</i>	Hanley	X			
<i>Alan Mulder</i>	Mulder			X	
<i>Terry Martin</i>	Martin	X			
<i>Vic Kohring</i>	Kohring	X			
<i>Ben Grussenford</i>	Grussenford			X	
<i>Mike Navarre</i>	Navarre				X
<i>Tay Brown</i>	Brown				X
<i>Greg Theriault</i>	Theriault	X			
<i>Steve Kelly</i>	Kelly				X
<i>Richard Foster</i>	Foster		*		
<i>Kean Howell</i>	Howell				X

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CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Mark Hanley*

Richard Foster

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA

1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AMENDED

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Office of the Governor

Title: Amendment to the Constitution RE: Terms of Legislators

BRU: Division of Elections

Component: General and Primary Elections

Sponsor: Representative Theriault

Requestor: _____

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 22

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	2.2*	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	2.2*	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	2.2*	0	0	0	0
1005 C/P/Program. Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	2.2*	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY95) impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) *This figure covers cost of inclusion of information about this issue in the Official Elections Pamphlet as required by AS 15.58, and programming for counting of votes cast on the measure. However, only 4 measures can be printed on a single ballot card. Should this measure require printing an additional ballot card, the fiscal impact would be 53.4.

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Approved by Commissioner: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer Date: 1-25-95
 Agency: Office of the Lt. Governor

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AMENDMENT 1

Adopted

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BY REPRESENTATIVE THERRIAULT

TO: CSHJR 5(JUD)

- 1 Page 2, line 2, after "considered." through line 5:
- 2 Delete all material.

- 3 Page 2, line 6:
- 4 Delete "four-year senate"
- 5 Insert "new"

- 6 Page 2, line 7:
- 7 Delete "ten"
- 8 Insert "eleven"

- 9 Page 2, line 8:
- 10 Delete "senate"
- 11 Insert "new"

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House District 33

House Of Representatives

CS HJR 5 (JUD) Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators

SPONSOR: Rep. Gene Therriault 

SPONSOR STATEMENT:

CS HJR 5 (JUD) proposes that a person may not serve consecutively more than twelve regular sessions in the legislature. A person may not again serve in the legislature as a result of election or appointment to fill a vacancy until at least two consecutive regular sessions have elapsed. For the purposes of the tenure limit, HJR 5 excludes periods served in the legislature during the interim, between sessions, and during special sessions. An appointment does not count towards the tenure limit, unless it is the result of resignation from one house to fill an appointment in the other house.

Alaskan voters have recently demonstrated their overwhelming desire for congressional term limits with 1994's ballot measure 4, passing with over 62% of the votes. Alaskans have also expressed their support for term limits on the municipal level with many communities adopting some form of term limits for local elected officials. HJR 5 will now give voters the chance to change the state constitution and limit terms of state legislators.

Term limits are a positive legislative reform, guaranteeing a flow of new legislators with new ideas. The popularity of term limits demonstrates that career politicians are not desirable. Term limits will also level the playing field for challengers facing long-time incumbents whose power is oftentimes derived primarily from seniority.

Placing a constitutional amendment limiting the terms of state legislators on the ballot is a measure that is long overdue.

CS HJR 5 (JUD) Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators

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Sectional Analysis:

Section 1: Amends Article II, section 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska limiting a person from serving consecutively during more than twelve regular sessions in the legislature. A person may not again serve in the legislature as a result of election or appointment until at least two consecutive full regular sessions have elapsed.

Section 2: Exempts periods served during the interim, between sessions or during special sessions from being considered when calculating the term limit.

An appointment to fill a vacancy shall not be considered when tabulating tenure limit, unless it is the result of resignation from one house to fill the appointment in the other house.

Allows a person to complete a four-year Senate term if the person has served no more than ten sessions.

Section 3: Exempts regular sessions served in the legislature before the start of the Twentieth Legislature from being considered when calculating whether tenure limit has been reached.

Section 4: Places the proposed amendments on the ballot at the next general election.