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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2(JUD)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GREEN, Navarre

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12       membership [OF EACH HOUSE]. The yeas and nays on final passage shall be  
13       entered in the journal.

14       \* Sec. 8. Article II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

15                SECTION 15. VETO. The governor may veto bills passed by the senate  
16       [LEGISLATURE]. The governor [HE] may, by veto, strike or reduce items in  
17       appropriation bills. The governor [HE] shall return any vetoed bill, with a statement  
18       of [HIS] objections, to the senate [HOUSE OF ORIGIN].

19       \* Sec. 9. Article II, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

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21       during a regular session [OF THE LEGISLATURE], the senate [LEGISLATURE]  
22       shall meet immediately [IN JOINT SESSION] and reconsider passage of the vetoed  
23       bill or item. Bills to raise revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed,  
24       become law by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the senate membership  
25       [OF THE LEGISLATURE]. Other vetoed bills become law by affirmative vote of at  
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29       of the next regular or special session of that legislature. Bills vetoed after adjournment  
30       of the second regular session shall be reconsidered by the senate [LEGISLATURE  
31       SITTING AS ONE BODY] no later than the fifth day of a special session of that

1 legislature, if one is called. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be  
2 entered in [ON] the journal [JOURNALS] of the senate [BOTH HOUSES].

3 \* Sec. 10. Article II, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

4 SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE. Laws passed by the senate  
5 [LEGISLATURE] become effective ninety days after enactment. The senate  
6 [LEGISLATURE] may, by concurrence of at least two-thirds of its [THE] membership  
7 [OF EACH HOUSE], provide for a other effective date.

8 \* Sec. 11. Article II, sec. 20, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

9 SECTION 20. IMPEACHMENT. All civil officers of the State are subject to  
10 impeachment by the senate [LEGISLATURE]. Impeachment [SHALL ORIGINATE  
11 IN THE SENATE AND] must be approved by at least a two-thirds vote of its  
12 members. The resolution [MOTION] for impeachment shall list fully the basis for the  
13 proceeding. Trial on impeachment shall be conducted by the senate [HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES]. A supreme court justice designated by the court shall preside  
15 at the trial. Concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members of the senate  
16 [HOUSE] is required for a judgment of impeachment. The judgment may not extend  
17 beyond removal from office, but shall not prevent proceedings in the courts on the  
18 same or related charges.

19 \* Sec. 12. Article III, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

20 SECTION 17. CONVENING SENATE [LEGISLATURE]. Whenever the  
21 governor considers it in the public interest, the governor [HE] may convene the  
22 senate [LEGISLATURE, EITHER HOUSE, OR THE TWO HOUSES] in [JOINT]  
23 session.

24 \* Sec. 13. Article III, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

25 SECTION 19. MILITARY AUTHORITY. The governor is  
26 commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the State. The governor [HE] may call  
27 out these forces to execute the laws, suppress or prevent insurrection or lawless  
28 violence, or repel invasion. The governor, as provided by law, shall appoint all  
29 general and flag officers of the armed forces of the State, subject to confirmation by  
30 at least a majority of the members of the senate [LEGISLATURE IN JOINT  
31 SESSION]. The governor [HE] shall appoint and commission all other officers.

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2 SECTION 20. MARTIAL LAW. The governor may proclaim martial law  
3 when the public safety requires it in case of rebellion or actual or imminent invasion.  
4 Martial law shall not continue for longer than twenty days without the approval of at  
5 least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT  
6 SESSION].

7 \* Sec. 15. Article III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

8 SECTION 23. REORGANIZATION. The governor may make changes in the  
9 organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units  
10 which the governor [HE] considers necessary for efficient administration. Where  
11 these changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders. The  
12 senate [LEGISLATURE] shall have sixty days of a regular session, or a full session  
13 if of shorter duration, to disapprove these executive orders. Unless disapproved by  
14 resolution concurred in by a majority of the members [IN JOINT SESSION], these  
15 orders become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

16 \* Sec. 16. Article III, sec. 25, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

17 SECTION 25. DEPARTMENT HEADS. The head of each principal  
18 department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided by law. The head  
19 of each principal department [HE] shall be appointed by the governor, subject to  
20 confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE  
21 IN JOINT SESSION], and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, except as  
22 otherwise provided in this article with respect to the lieutenant governor  
23 [SECRETARY OF STATE]. The heads of all principal departments shall be citizens  
24 of the United States.

25 \* Sec. 17. Article III, sec. 26, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

26 SECTION 26. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. When a board or  
27 commission is at the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial  
28 agency, its members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by at  
29 least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT  
30 SESSION], and may be removed as provided by law. They shall be citizens of the  
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1 when authorized by law, but the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the  
2 governor.

3 \* Sec. 18. Article IV, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

4 SECTION 10. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT. The Commission  
5 on Judicial Conduct shall consist of nine members, as follows: three persons who are  
6 justices or judges of state courts, elected by the justices and judges of state courts;  
7 three members who have practiced law in this state for ten years, appointed by the  
8 governor from nominations made by the governing body of the organized bar and  
9 subject to confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE  
10 LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION]; and three persons who are not judges, retired  
11 judges, or members of the state bar, appointed by the governor and subject to  
12 confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE  
13 IN JOINT SESSION]. In addition to being subject to impeachment under Section 12  
14 of this article, a justice or judge may be disqualified from acting as such and may be  
15 suspended, removed from office, retired, or censured by the supreme court upon the  
16 recommendation of the commission. The powers and duties of the commission and  
17 the bases for judicial disqualification shall be established by law.

18 \* Sec. 19. Article IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

19 SECTION 15. RULE-MAKING POWER. The supreme court shall make and  
20 promulgate rules governing the administration of all courts. It shall make and  
21 promulgate rules governing practice and procedure in civil and criminal cases in all  
22 courts. These rules may be changed by the senate [LEGISLATURE] by at least  
23 two-thirds vote of the members [ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE].

24 \* Sec. 20. Article VI, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

25 SECTION 1. ELECTION DISTRICTS. One member [MEMBERS] of the  
26 senate [HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES] shall be elected by the qualified voters of  
27 each of sixty [THE RESPECTIVE] election districts. [UNTIL  
28 REAPPORTIONMENT, ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL BE AS  
30 SET FORTH IN SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XIV].

31 \* Sec. 21. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

1 SECTION 6. REDISTRICTING. The governor may only [FURTHER]  
2 redistrict the senate immediately following the decennial census of the United  
3 States by changing the size and area of election districts, subject to the limitations of  
4 this article. Each new district so created shall be formed of contiguous and compact  
5 territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area.  
6 Each shall contain a population at least equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the  
7 total civilian population by sixty [FORTY]. Consideration may be given to local  
8 government boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in  
9 describing boundaries wherever possible. At the first election held under a new  
10 redistricting plan thirty senate members shall be elected to two-year terms and  
11 thirty shall be elected to four-year terms set by the governor in the redistricting  
12 plan.

13 \* Sec. 22. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

14 SECTION 8. REDISTRICTING [REAPPORTIONMENT] BOARD. The  
15 governor shall appoint a redistricting [REAPPORTIONMENT] board to act in an  
16 advisory capacity [TO HIM]. It shall consist of five members, none of whom may be  
17 public employees or officials. At least one member each shall be appointed from the  
18 Southeastern, Southcentral, Central, and Northwestern areas of the state [SENATE  
19 DISTRICTS]. Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation.  
20 Board members shall be compensated.

21 \* Sec. 23. Article VII, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

22 SECTION 3. BOARD OF REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY. The University of  
23 Alaska shall be governed by a board of regents. The regents shall be appointed by the  
24 governor, subject to confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION]. The board shall, in accordance with law,  
26 formulate policy and appoint the president of the university. The president [HE] shall  
27 be the executive officer of the board.

28 \* Sec. 24. Article IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

29 (c) An appropriation from the budget reserve fund may be made for any public  
30 purpose upon affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the senate members [OF  
31 EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE].

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8 a resolution concurred in by at least a majority of the senate members [OF EACH  
9 HOUSE]. The commission or board, subject to law, may establish procedures whereby  
10 boundaries may be adjusted by local action.

11 \* Sec. 26. Article XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this constitution may be  
13 proposed by at least a two-thirds vote [OF EACH HOUSE] of the senate membership  
14 [LEGISLATURE]. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and  
15 proposition summarizing each proposed amendment, and shall place them on the ballot  
16 for the next general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor  
17 the amendment, it shall be adopted. Unless otherwise provided in the amendment, it  
18 becomes effective thirty days after the certification of the election returns by the  
19 lieutenant governor.

20 \* Sec. 27. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
21 section to read:

22 SECTION 29. TRANSITION TO UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE. The  
23 following provisions shall be followed in the transition from a bicameral to a  
24 unicameral legislature provided for under the amendments approved by the voters in  
25 1996:

26 (1) the senate shall first meet as a unicameral legislature during the  
27 Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature and shall continue to meet as a unicameral  
28 legislature thereafter;

29 (2) the term of a senate member elected or appointed to office before  
30 the 1998 general election terminates on the convening of the First Session of the  
31 Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature;

1 (3) notwithstanding the provision in Article VI, Section 6, Constitution  
2 of the State of Alaska, that redistricting occur only after a decennial census, no later  
3 than January 1, 1998, the governor shall redistrict the legislature in accordance with  
4 all other provisions of Article VI, Constitution of the State of Alaska, to provide for  
5 a unicameral legislature consisting of sixty members elected from sixty districts based  
6 upon the total population of the State as determined by the most recent decennial  
7 federal census;

8 (4) at the 1998 general election, thirty members of the senate shall be  
9 elected to four-year terms, and thirty members shall be elected to two-year terms, set  
10 by the governor in the redistricting plan adopted under (3) of this section.

11 \* Sec. 28. Article II, sec. 10, article VI, secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and article XIV,  
12 Constitution of the State of Alaska, are repealed.

13 \* Sec. 29. Section 27 of this resolution takes effect January 1, 1997.

14 \* Sec. 30. Sections 1 - 26 and sec. 28 of this resolution take effect January 1, 1998.

15 \* Sec. 31. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters  
16 of the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
17 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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BILL VERSION: CS HJR 2  
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Title: "Proposing amendments to the  
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Sponsor: Representative Green  
Requestor: House Judiciary

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency  
BRU: Legislative Council  
Component: Session Expenses  
Salaries & Allowances

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

**Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	-1,140.0	-1,140.5	-1,140.5	-1,140.5	-1,140.5
TRAVEL	0.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	-240.0	-240.0	-240.0	-240.0	-240.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	-30.0	-30.0	-30.0	-30.0	-30.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	-15.0	-15.0	-15.0	-15.0	-15.0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1,500.0</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>

CAPITAL	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	0.0	-1,500.0	-1,500.5	-1,500.5	-1,500.5	-1,500.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1,500.0</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>	<b>-1,500.5</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

HJR 2 proposes amendments to the constitution establishing a unicameral legislature and limiting the session to 90 days. 90 day sessions would commence January 1998. The Legislature would first meet as a unicameral Legislature during the 21st Legislature in 1999. Presiding Officers receive \$500/year more than other Legislators. A unicameral Legislature would have only one Presiding Officer thereby decreasing the annual cost by \$500. The daily cost of a legislative session is \$ 50,000. A 90 day session would decrease the total cost of a regular session by \$1,500,000.

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TO: HJR 2

1 Page 1, line 3, after "legislature":

2 Insert "and a senate salary commission"

3 Page 2, line 12, after "EXPENSES.":

4 Insert "(a)"

5 Page 2, after line 15:

6 Insert a new resolution section to read:

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20 Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

21 Page 9, line 12:

- 1 Delete "Section 27"
- 2 Insert "Section 28"
  
- 3 Page 9, line 13:
- 4 Delete "1 - 26 and 28"
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7 it has passed three readings [IN EACH HOUSE] on three separate days, except that any  
8 bill may be advanced from second to third reading on the same day by concurrence of at  
9 least three-fourths of the membership [HOUSE CONSIDERING IT]. No bill may  
10 become law without an affirmative vote of a majority of the senate membership [OF  
11 EACH HOUSE]. The yeas and nays on final passage shall be entered in the journal.

12 \* Sec. 8. Article II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

13 SECTION 15. VETO. The governor may veto bills passed by the senate  
14 [LEGISLATURE]. The governor [HE] may, by veto, strike or reduce items in  
15 appropriation bills. The governor [HE] shall return any vetoed bill, with a statement of  
16 [HIS] objections, to the senate [HOUSE OF ORIGIN].

17 \* Sec. 9. Article II, sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

18 SECTION 16. ACTION UPON VETO. Upon receipt of a veto message during  
19 a regular session [OF THE LEGISLATURE], the senate [LEGISLATURE] shall meet  
20 immediately [IN JOINT SESSION] and reconsider passage of the vetoed bill or item.  
21 Bills to raise revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by  
22 affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the senate membership [OF THE  
23 LEGISLATURE]. Other vetoed bills become law by affirmative vote of at least  
24 two-thirds of the senate membership [OF THE LEGISLATURE]. Bills vetoed after  
25 adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature shall be reconsidered by the  
26 senate [LEGISLATURE SITTING AS ONE BODY] no later than the fifth day of the  
27 next regular or special session of that legislature. Bills vetoed after adjournment of the  
28 second regular session shall be reconsidered by the senate [LEGISLATURE SITTING  
29 AS ONE BODY] no later than the fifth day of a special session of that legislature, if one  
30 is called. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be entered in [ON] the  
31 journal [JOURNALS] of the senate [BOTH HOUSES].

1 \* Sec. 10. Article II, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

2 SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE. Laws passed by the senate  
3 [LEGISLATURE] become effective ninety days after enactment. The senate  
4 [LEGISLATURE] may, by concurrence of at least two-thirds of its [THE] membership  
5 [OF EACH HOUSE], provide for another effective date.

6 \* Sec. 11. Article II, sec. 20, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

7 SECTION 20. IMPEACHMENT. All civil officers of the State are subject to  
8 impeachment by the senate [LEGISLATURE]. Impeachment [SHALL ORIGINATE  
9 IN THE SENATE AND] must be approved by at least a two-thirds vote of its members.  
10 The resolution [MOTION] for impeachment shall list fully the basis for the proceeding.  
11 Trial on impeachment shall be conducted by the senate [HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES]. A supreme court justice designated by the court shall preside  
13 at the trial. Concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members of the senate [HOUSE]  
14 is required for a judgment of impeachment. The judgment may not extend beyond  
15 removal from office, but shall not prevent proceedings in the courts on the same or  
16 related charges.

17 \* Sec. 12. Article III, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

18 SECTION 17. CONVENING SENATE [LEGISLATURE]. Whenever the  
19 governor considers it in the public interest, the governor [HE] may convene the senate  
20 [LEGISLATURE, EITHER HOUSE, OR THE TWO HOUSES] in [JOINT] session.

21 \* Sec. 13. Article III, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

22 SECTION 19. MILITARY AUTHORITY. The governor is commander-in-chief  
23 of the armed forces of the State. The governor [HE] may call out these forces to execute  
24 the laws, suppress or prevent insurrection or lawless violence, or repel invasion. The  
25 governor, as provided by law, shall appoint all general and flag officers of the armed  
26 forces of the State, subject to confirmation by at least a majority of the members of the  
27 senate [LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION]. The gov. rnor [HE] shall appoint and  
28 commission all other officers.

29 \* Sec. 14. Article III, sec. 20, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

30 SECTION 20. MARTIAL LAW. The governor may proclaim martial law when  
31 the public safety requires it in case of rebellion or actual or imminent invasion. Martial

1 law shall not continue for longer than twenty days without the approval of at least a  
2 majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION].

3 \* Sec. 15. Article III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

4 SECTION 23. REORGANIZATION. The governor may make changes in the  
5 organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units  
6 which the governor [HE] considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these  
7 changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders. The senate  
8 [LEGISLATURE] shall have sixty days of a regular session, or a full session if of shorter  
9 duration, to disapprove these executive orders. Unless disapproved by resolution  
10 concurred in by a majority of the members [IN JOINT SESSION], these orders become  
11 effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

12 \* Sec. 16. Article III, sec. 25, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

13 SECTION 25. DEPARTMENT HEADS. The head of each principal department  
14 shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided by law. The head of each  
15 principal department [HE] shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation  
16 by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT  
17 SESSION], and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, except as otherwise provided  
18 in this article with respect to the lieutenant governor [SECRETARY OF STATE]. The  
19 heads of all principal departments shall be citizens of the United States.

20 \* Sec. 17. Article III, sec. 26, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

21 SECTION 26. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. When a board or commission  
22 is at the head of a principal department or a regulatory or quasi-judicial agency, its  
23 members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by at least a  
24 majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION], and  
25 may be removed as provided by law. They shall be citizens of the United States. The  
26 board or commission may appoint a principal executive officer when authorized by law,  
27 but the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the governor.

28 \* Sec. 18. Article IV, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

29 SECTION 10. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT. The Commission  
30 on Judicial Conduct shall consist of nine members, as follows: three persons who are  
31 justices or judges of state courts, elected by the justices and judges of state courts; three

1 members who have practiced law in this state for ten years, appointed by the governor  
2 from nominations made by the governing body of the organized bar and subject to  
3 confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE  
4 IN JOINT SESSION]; and three persons who are not judges, retired judges, or members  
5 of the state bar, appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by at least a  
6 majority of the senate members [OF THE LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION]. In  
7 addition to being subject to impeachment under Section 12 of this article, a justice or  
8 judge may be disqualified from acting as such and may be suspended, removed from  
9 office, retired, or censured by the supreme court upon the recommendation of the  
10 commission. The powers and duties of the commission and the bases for judicial  
11 disqualification shall be established by law.

12 \* Sec. 19. Article IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

13 SECTION 15. RULE-MAKING POWER. The supreme court shall make and  
14 promulgate rules governing the administration of all courts. It shall make and promulgate  
15 rules governing practice and procedure in civil and criminal cases in all courts. These  
16 rules may be changed by the senate [LEGISLATURE] by at least two-thirds vote of the  
17 members [ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE].

18 \* Sec. 20. Article VI, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

19 SECTION 1. ELECTION DISTRICTS. One member [MEMBERS] of the  
20 senate [HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES] shall be elected by the qualified voters of  
21 each of sixty [THE RESPECTIVE] election districts. [UNTIL REAPPORTIONMENT.  
22 ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE  
23 ELECTED FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1 OF  
24 ARTICLE XIV].

25 \* Sec. 21. Article VI, sec. 6, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

26 SECTION 6. REDISTRICTING. The governor may only [FURTHER]  
27 redistrict the senate immediately following the decennial census of the United States  
28 by changing the size and area of election districts, subject to the limitations of this article.  
29 Each new district so created shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory  
30 containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area. Each  
31 shall contain a population at least equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the total

1 civilian population by ~~sixty~~ [FORTY]. Consideration may be given to local government  
2 boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing  
3 boundaries wherever possible. At the first election held under a new redistricting  
4 plan thirty senate members shall be elected to two-year terms and thirty shall be  
5 elected to four-year terms set by the governor in the redistricting plan.

6 \* Sec. 22. Article VI, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

7 SECTION 8. REDISTRICTING [REAPPORTIONMENT] BOARD. The  
8 governor shall appoint a redistricting [REAPPORTIONMENT] board to act in an  
9 advisory capacity [TO HIM]. It shall consist of five members, none of whom may be  
10 public employees or officials. At least one member each shall be appointed from the  
11 Southeastern, Southcentral, Central, and Northwestern area; of the state [SENATE  
12 DISTRICTS]. Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation. Board  
13 members shall be compensated.

14 \* Sec. 23. Article VII, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

15 SECTION 3. BOARD OF REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY. The University of  
16 Alaska shall be governed by a board of regents. The regents shall be appointed by the  
17 governor, subject to confirmation by at least a majority of the senate members [OF THE  
18 LEGISLATURE IN JOINT SESSION]. The board shall, in accordance with law,  
19 formulate policy and appoint the president of the university. The president [HE] shall  
20 be the executive officer of the board.

21 \* Sec. 24. Article IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

22 (c) An appropriation from the budget reserve fund may be made for any public  
23 purpose upon affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the senate members [OF  
24 EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE].

25 \* Sec. 25. Article X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

26 SECTION 12. BOUNDARIES. A local boundary commission or board shall be  
27 established by law in the executive branch of the state government. The commission or  
28 board may consider any proposed local government boundary change. It may present  
29 proposed changes to the senate [LEGISLATURE] during the first ten days of any regular  
30 session. The change shall become effective forty-five days after presentation or at the  
31 end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in

1 by at least a majority of the senate members [OF EACH HOUSE]. The commission  
2 or board, subject to law, may establish procedures whereby boundaries may be adjusted  
3 by local action.

4 \* Sec. 26. Article XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this constitution may be  
6 proposed by at least a two-thirds vote [OF EACH HOUSE] of the senate membership  
7 [LEGISLATURE]. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition  
8 summarizing each proposed amendment, and shall place them on the ballot for the next  
9 general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the amendm<sup>e</sup>nt,  
10 it shall be adopted. Unless otherwise provided in the amendment, it becomes effective  
11 thirty days after the certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor.

12 \* Sec. 27. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section  
13 to read:

14 SECTION 29. TRANSITION TO UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE. The  
15 following provisions shall be followed in the transition from a bicameral to a unicameral  
16 legislature provided for under the amendments approved by the voters in 1996:

17 (1) the senate shall first meet as a unicameral legislature during the  
18 Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature and shall continue to meet as a unicameral  
19 legislature thereafter;

20 (2) the term of a senate member elected or appointed to office before the  
21 1998 general election terminates on the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-  
22 First Alaska State Legislature;

23 (3) notwithstanding the provision in Article VI, Section 6, Constitution  
24 of the State of Alaska, that redistricting occur only after a decennial census, no later than  
25 January 1, 1998, the governor shall redistrict the legislature in accordance with all other  
26 provisions of Article VI, Constitution of the State of Alaska, to provide for a unicameral  
27 legislature consisting of sixty members elected from sixty districts based upon the total  
28 population of the State as determined by the most recent decennial federal census;

29 (4) at the 1998 general election, thirty members of the senate shall be  
30 elected to four-year terms, and thirty members shall be elected to two-year terms, set by  
31 the governor in the redistricting plan adopted under (3) of this section.


- 1     \* Sec. 28. Article II, sec. 10, article VI, secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and article XIV, Constitution  
2 of the State of Alaska, are repealed.
- 3     \* Sec. 29. Section 27 of this resolution takes effect January 1, 1997.
- 4     \* Sec. 30. Sections 1 - 26 and sec. 28 of this resolution take effect January 1, 1998.
- 5     \* Sec. 31. 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 State  
7 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

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**Memo**

**To:** Representative Joe Green

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**Subject:** HJR 2 Unicameral Legislature

**Date:** May 4, 1995

The Division of Elections is not taking a position on the subject matter of HJR 2 at this time, but we are concerned with it as currently written. I spoke to Jeff Logan of your office and he assures me that our concerns will be reviewed during the interim.

As the resolution is drafted, it requires reapportionment (or redistricting) of the state into 60 senate seats by January 1, 1997 (section 27). Work on the redistricting would have to begin January 1, 1996 (section 29). The constitutional amendments creating the unicameral legislature will not appear on the ballot until November 1996. All of the work to redistrict the state would have to take place before the election was held to authorize the change. It would have to be completed within a month of the passage of the amendments. If the amendments failed, a tremendous amount of work and money would have been spent for no reason.

We suggest that section 29 be changed to provide that the implementation section of the resolution take effect **January 1, 1997** and the redistricting in section 27 be completed no later than **January 1, 1998**.