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# FISCAL NOTE

No: 2

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Bill version: HJR 4  
(H) Publish Date: 1/30/98

Revision Date (Note if correction) _____	Dept Affected <u>Office of the Governor</u>
Title <u>Const. Amend Relating to terms of legislators</u>	BRU <u>Elective Operations</u>
	Component <u>Elections</u>
Sponsor <u>Representatives Thernault, Rokeberg</u>	
Requester <u>House State Affairs Committee</u>	Component Serial No. <u>#21</u>

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	3.0					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	3.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58, and the programming costs for counting votes cast on the measure. However, only four measures can be printed on a single ballot card. If this measure requires printing an additional ballot card, the costs will increase by \$56.0.

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1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: HJR 4  
(H) Publish Date: 1/30/98

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: "Proposing amendments to the  
Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms..."  
Sponsor: Representative Therriault  
Requestor: House State Affairs

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency  
BRU: All  
Component: All

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

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

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	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: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	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 impact: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact to the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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## House Of Representatives

House District 33

### HJR 4 0-LS0188VA 1/13/97

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

SPONSOR: Representative Gene Therriault

#### Sectional Analysis:

##### *Election and Terms*

- Section 1: Amends Article II, section 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, by limiting a person from serving consecutively more than twelve regular sessions in the legislature. A person may not serve again in the legislature as a result of election or appointment until at least two consecutive regular sessions have elapsed.
- Section 2: Exempts periods served during the interim, between sessions or during special sessions from being considered when calculating the tenure limit. In addition, periods served as a result of appointment to fill a vacancy shall not be considered when determining whether the tenure limit has been reached.
- Section 3: Regular sessions served in the legislature before the convening of the first regular session of the Twenty-Third Legislature will be considered when calculating tenure limit.
- Section 4: Places the proposed amendments on the ballot at the next general election.

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## House Of Representatives

**HJR 4** Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators

**SPONSOR:** Representative Gene Therriault

### SPONSOR STATEMENT:

HJR 4 proposes to limit terms by limiting the number of regular legislative sessions a person may serve. The resolution 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. In addition, when tabulating the number of sessions served, special sessions shall not be counted nor shall time served as the result of appointment to fill a vacancy.

Alaskan voters demonstrated their desire for congressional term limits through 1994's ballot measure 4, which passed by a margin of 62%. 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 4 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 that new legislators will be elected along with new ideas. The popularity of term limits indicates that a majority of our citizens do not prefer career politicians representing them. Term limits will also level the playing field for challengers facing long-term incumbents whose power oftentimes is derived primarily from seniority.

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