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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SJR 32

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Office of the Governor
 Title "Proposing amendments to the Constitution... BRU Executive Operations
relating to the office of the attorney general." Component Executive Office
 Sponsor Senator Kelly
 Requester Senate Judiciary Component No. 6

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services			*****	*****	*****	*****
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	*****	*****	*****	*****

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF			*****	*****	*****	*****
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	*****	*****	*****	*****

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This analysis emulates the organizational structure of the states of Washington, Oregon and Arizona. Each of these states has an elected attorney general, and each Governor has on-staff counsel to respond to general legal questions, public policy issues, internal matters, open meeting laws, ethics laws, revocation of appointments, to handle extraditions and petitions, prepare administrative orders, deeds relating to the state's natural resources, etc., and to carry-out the constitutional requirements of the Governor (i.e., executive clemency, messages to the Legislature, executive orders.)

The constitutional amendment proposed by this resolution would be on the 2000 ballot. If approved by the voters, the first election of an attorney general would be with the next gubernatorial election in 2002. Fiscal impact to the Office of the Governor would begin in FY03. A fiscal analysis for informational purposes is attached.

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SJR 32 Analysis

The fiscal impact below is for illustration purposes only and is based on 2000 costs and salaries. The fiscal impact associated with an elected attorney general would not be realized until FY03, and accurate costs will need to be identified then. Additionally, if the voters approve the constitutional amendment calling for an elected attorney general, the functions and duties of the attorney general will need to be defined and may result in further fiscal impact.

This note assumes an increase in Governor's staff by three positions - an attorney, rg. 26, a paralegal, rg 19, and an executive secretary, rg. 14. Fiscal note further assumes existing state-owned office space would be available and does not include lease costs.

Personal services:	three PFTs	194.3
Contractual:	comm., phones, tolls courier svcs., subscripts, etc.	19.2
Supplies:	office/library supplies	<u>9.8</u>
	Total estimated annual costs:	223.3

Additional first year set-up costs:

Equipment:	office furniture, DP and communication equipment	39.5 *
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* 39.5 first year set-up costs only and not included in annual estimate

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 Title Constitutional Amendment: Relating to the BRU Elective Operations
office of attorney general Component Elections
 Sponsor Senator Pete Kelly
 Requester Senate Judiciary Committee Component No. 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	1.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	1.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

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. However, only six measures can be printed on an 8-1/2 by 14 inch ballot. If this measure requires printing an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase by \$22.0.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SJR 32 Electing an Attorney General

SJR 32 is a resolution that would place before the voters a proposed constitutional amendment to elect Alaska's Attorney General. The specifics of the election would be expressed statutorily.

Forty-three states popularly elect their attorneys general. In Maine the legislature elects the attorney general, and in Tennessee the justices of the highest court select the attorney general. The governor appoints the attorney general in only five states: Alaska, Hawaii, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Wyoming.

An Attorney General who serves at the will of the voters will be better able to focus on the best interest of the state than an AG appointed by the Governor. An appointed AG is more likely to be used as an agent to carry out that particular Governor's political agenda.

This constitutional amendment would bring accountability to the office of attorney general. Alaska deserves an Attorney General dedicated to advancing the State's rights with vigor and full commitment. We will be far more certain the AG will do just that if he faces the voters in the next election.