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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, 1976

To assist you in updating your copy of the Constitution the following constitutional changes were authorized by Alaskan voters on November 2, 1976. New language is underlined and deleted language is in parentheses.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Article II, Section 9. Special sessions may be called by the governor or by vote of two-thirds of the legislators. The vote may be conducted by the legislative council or as prescribed by law. At special sessions called by the governor, legislation shall be limited to subjects designated in his proclamation calling the session, (OR) to subjects presented by him, and the reconsideration of bills vetoed by him after adjournment of the last regular session. Special sessions are limited to thirty days.

ACTION UPON VETO

Article II, Section 16. Upon receipt of a message during a regular session of the legislature, the legislature shall meet immediately in joint session and reconsider passage of the vetoed bill or item. Bills to raise revenue and appropriation bills or items, although vetoed, become law by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of the legislature. Other vetoed bills become law by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the legislature. Bills vetoed after adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature shall be reconsidered by the legislature sitting as one body no later than the fifth day of the next regular or special session of that legislature. Bills vetoed after adjournment of the second regular session shall be reconsidered by the legislature sitting as one body no later than the fifth day of a special session of that legislature, if one is called. The vote on reconsideration of a vetoed bill shall be entered on the journals of both houses.

DEDICATED FUNDS

Article IX, Section 7. The proceeds of any state tax or license shall not be dedicated to any special purpose, except as provided in section 15 of this article or when required by the federal government for state participation in federal programs. This provision shall not prohibit the continuance of any dedication for special purposes existing upon the date of ratification of this section (CONSTITUTION) by the people of Alaska.

ALASKA PERMANENT FUND

Article IX, Section 15. At least twenty-five per cent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments and bonuses received by the State shall be placed in a permanent fund, the principal of which shall be used only for those income-producing investments specifically designated by law as eligible for permanent fund investments. (THE LEGISLATURE MAY APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS TO THE PERMANENT FUND WHICH SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE FUND.) All income from the permanent fund shall be deposited in the general fund unless otherwise provided by law.