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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the judiciary article of the Alaska Constitution relating to the office of chief justice of the supreme court.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. Art. IV, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The chief justice shall be selected from among the justices of the supreme court by a majority vote of the justices. His term of office as chief justice is three years. A justice may serve more than one term as chief justice but he may not serve consecutive terms in that office.

\* Sec. 2. Art. IV, Sec. 16 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska is amended to read:

SECTION 16. COURT ADMINISTRATION. The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all courts. He may assign judges from one court or division thereof to another for temporary service. The chief justice shall, with the approval of the supreme court, appoint an administrative director to serve at the pleasure of the supreme court and to supervise the administrative operations of the judicial system.

\* Sec. 3. The amendments proposed by this Resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity with Art. XIII, Sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

\* Sec. 4. If the amendment proposed in sec. 1 of this Resolution is approved by the voters, the person serving as chief justice on the effective date of the amendment may continue to serve in that office until three years from the date of his designation as chief justice by the governor.