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**Legislative
Resolve No.**

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to approval of amendments of the Alaska Statehood Act affecting an interest of the State of Alaska under that Act.

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

* **Section 1.** Article XII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

SECTION 14. APPROVAL OF FEDERAL AMENDMENT TO STATEHOOD ACT AFFECTING AN INTEREST OF THE STATE UNDER THAT ACT. A federal statute or proposed federal statute that affects an interest of this State under the Act admitting Alaska to the Union is ineffective as against the State interest unless approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature or approved by the people of the State. The legislature may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote of each house, place the question of approval of the federal statute on the ballot for the next general election unless in the resolution placing the question of approval, the legislature requires the question to be placed before the voters at a special election. The approval of the federal statute by the people of the State is not effective unless the federal statute described in the resolution is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the State who vote on the question. Unless a summary of the question is provided in the resolution passed by the

legislature, the lieutenant governor shall prepare an impartial summary of the question.

The lieutenant governor shall present the question to the voters so that a "yes" vote on the question is a vote to approve the federal statute.

* **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.