HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE REINBOLD

Introduced: 4/2/15
Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

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

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

* Section 1. Article II, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

   Section 3. Election and Terms. Legislators shall be elected at general elections. Their terms begin on the fourth Monday of the January following election unless otherwise provided by law. The term of representatives shall be two years, and the term of senators, four years. One-half of the senators shall be elected every two years. No person who has served as a representative for four full or partial successive terms shall again be eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened. No person who has served as a senator for two full or partial successive terms shall again be eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened.

* Sec. 2. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

   Section 30. Application of 2016 Tenure Amendment. The 2016 amendments
limiting legislators' terms of office do not

(1) prohibit a legislator from serving the term of office that the legislator was reelected to in the 2016 general election; or

(2) prematurely end the term of a legislator who is serving on the effective date of the amendment.

* Sec. 3. The amendments 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.