

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/5/19

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and the permanent fund dividend.

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

*** Section 1.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

Section 15. Alaska Permanent Fund. (a) At least twenty-five percent 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. **Except as provided under (b) of this section, all** [ALL] income from the permanent fund shall be deposited in the general fund unless otherwise provided by law.

*** Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Each fiscal year, a portion of the income from the permanent fund shall be transferred solely for a program of dividend payments to residents of the State as

provided by law as it read on January 1, 2019, unless a change to the law is approved by the voters under (c) of this section. An appropriation under Section 13 of this article is not necessary for a transfer under this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 18 of Article II, a law enacted under Sections 14 - 17 of Article II that would amend the program of dividend payments to State residents under (b) of this section, including the amount of the dividend and eligibility requirements, shall not take effect unless approved by the voters of the State in the next statewide election held more than one hundred twenty days after enactment of the law. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing the law and shall place it on the ballot. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor its adoption, it shall become effective on the later of ninety days after the certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor or an effective date provided for by concurrence of two-thirds of the membership of each house. If a majority of votes cast on the proposition favor its rejection, the law is rejected and does not take effect.

* **Sec. 3.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 30. Permanent Fund Amendments: Transition. For purposes of the 2020 amendments to Section 15 of Article IX, the law in place January 1, 2019, is the program of dividend payments under Section 15(b) of Article IX, subject to the enactment of a law amending the program of dividend payments in accordance with the requirements of Section 15(c) of Article IX. Any amendments to the program of dividend payments enacted after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2021, are repealed.

* **Sec. 4.** 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.