

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR SHOWER

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to a biennial
2 state budget, regular and budget sessions, and the duration of sessions.

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

4 * Section 1. Article II, sec. 8, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 Section 8. Regular and Budget Sessions. The legislature shall convene in a
6 regular and budget session [EACH YEAR] on the fourth Monday in January in odd-
7 numbered years, and the legislature may convene in a budget session on the
8 fourth Monday in January in even-numbered years. The [, BUT THE] month and
9 day for convening a session may be changed by law. The legislature shall meet for
10 not more [ADJOURN FROM REGULAR SESSION NO LATER] than sixty
11 legislative working [ONE HUNDRED TWENTY CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR]
12 days, excluding Sundays, during a term for which members of the house of
13 representatives are elected, except when called into special session, and shall meet
14 for not more than forty legislative working days, excluding Sundays, in any one
15 calendar year, except when called into special session. During a budget session, a
16 bill that is not a biennial appropriation bill may not be introduced unless the

1 **introduction is approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership**
 2 **of the house in which the bill is to be introduced** [FROM THE DATE IT
 3 CONVENES EXCEPT THAT A REGULAR SESSION MAY BE EXTENDED
 4 ONCE FOR UP TO TEN CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS. AN EXTENSION
 5 OF THE REGULAR SESSION REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT
 6 LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH HOUSE OF THE
 7 LEGISLATURE]. The legislature shall adopt as part of the uniform rules of procedure
 8 deadlines for **determining the number of legislative working days to be devoted to**
 9 **the regular and budget sessions, respectively, and for** scheduling session work not
 10 inconsistent with provisions controlling the length of the session.

11 * **Sec. 2.** Article IX, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

12 **Section 12. Budget. During each odd-numbered fiscal year, the** [THE]
 13 governor shall submit to the legislature, at a time fixed by law, a budget for the next
 14 **two** fiscal **years** [YEAR] setting forth all proposed expenditures and anticipated
 15 income of all departments, offices, and agencies of the State. The governor, at the
 16 same time, shall submit a general appropriation bill to authorize the proposed
 17 expenditures **in the biennial State budget. The governor shall submit** [AND] a bill
 18 or bills covering recommendations in the budget for new or additional revenues **in**
 19 **even-numbered fiscal years, at a time fixed by law.**

20 * **Sec. 3.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the
 21 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
 22 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.