

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MENARD

Introduced: 1/19/11

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

16 **Section 30. Application of 2011 Tenure Amendment.** Years served in the

1 legislature before the convening of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Eighth Alaska
2 State Legislature shall not be considered for purposes of applying the tenure limit added
3 by the 2011 amendment to Section 3 of Article II.

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