

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/28/12

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call an Article V amendments convention to**
2 **propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a**
3 **majority of state legislatures to increase the federal debt.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a
6 convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing
7 amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon application of two-thirds of the
8 legislatures of the several states--an amendments convention; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature supports the proposal and ratification of an
10 amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that an increase in the
11 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully applies for an
13 amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States, called for the purpose of
14 proposing an amendment that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval
15 from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the
2 amendments convention requested by this application be entirely focused on and exclusively
3 limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of
4 the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a
5 majority of the legislatures of the separate states; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in
7 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of
8 the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited
9 amendments convention.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
11 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
12 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, President pro tempore of the
13 U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
14 Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk
15 of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable
16 Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
17 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the
18 other 49 states.