

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR BEGICH

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska**
2 **permanent fund.**

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

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

5 **Section 15. Alaska Permanent Fund.** At least twenty-five percent of all
6 mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing
7 payments and bonuses received by the State shall be placed in a permanent fund, the
8 principal of which shall be used only for [THOSE INCOME-PRODUCING]
9 investments made according to the prudent investor rule [SPECIFICALLY
10 DESIGNATED BY LAW AS ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT FUND
11 INVESTMENTS. ALL INCOME FROM THE PERMANENT FUND SHALL BE
12 DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY
13 LAW].

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

16 (b) Net income of the permanent fund shall be computed annually as of the

1 last day of the fiscal year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2 Income available for distribution under this section equals five percent of the market
3 value of the permanent fund, but may not exceed the net income of the fund for the
4 fiscal year just ended. Unless adjusted by the legislature under this section, fifty
5 percent of the income available for distribution shall be transferred from the income of
6 the fund for use in a program of dividend payments to State residents as provided by
7 law. The remaining income available for distribution shall be deposited in the general
8 fund. In the year 2020, and every four years thereafter, the legislature may, by law,
9 amend the percentage of the income available for distribution transferred for the
10 dividend program, but the percentage may not be below thirty-five percent. The
11 transfer from the income of the fund for dividend payments and to the general fund
12 shall be made without legislative appropriation.

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