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The Administration, Oppose or Not Oppose?
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Binding Arbitration (compromise - right-to-strike)

Teacher Tenure Reform
1. 2 year to 4 year – vetoed by Governor
2. 2 year to 3 year – allowed to pass without Governor’s signature

2019 (Administration’s Budget Proposal)
Constitutional Amendments

SJR 1 – Guarantee PFD
SJR 2 – Perm Fund: POMV, Dividend
SJR 3 – Membership of Judicial Counsel
SJR 4 – State Tax; Initiative
SJR 5 – Perm Fund & PFD
SJR 6 – Appropriation Limit; Reserve Fund
SJR 9 – Bill for Public Education
Constitutional Amendments

HJR 1 – Voter Approval for New Taxes
HJR 2 – 90 Day Regular Session
HJR 3 – Perm Fund; POMV; PFD
HJR 5 – State Tax; Initiative
HJR 6 – Perm Fund & PFD
HJR 7 – Appropriation Limit; Reserve Fund
HJR 8 – Elected Attorney General
HJR 11 – No Religious Test for Office
The Process

- House Finance Committee considers FY20 budget;
- The House considers & passes budget on the floor & forwards to the Senate
- Senate Finance Committee considers;
- Senate considers and passes its version;
- It will likely differ from House version so a conference committee convenes;
- Both bodies approve the conference committee compromise;
- Budget is transmitted to the Governor.
The Process, cont’

Once legislation is passed and transmitted to the Governor, the constitution requires him to either sign or veto the legislation within 15 days, Sundays excepted.

If no action is taken (veto or signing) the legislation becomes law without the Governor's signature (Alaska Constitution, Article 2, Section 17).
The Process, cont’

In the event of a veto during the regular session, the legislature must meet immediately in a joint session and reconsider passage of the vetoed bill.

Bills dealing with revenue or appropriations require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the membership of the legislature. With Alaska's legislature of 60 members (20 senators + 40 representatives = 60), this requires 45 legislators to vote in favor of a veto override (Alaska Constitution, Article 2, Section 16).