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**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8( )**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to  
2 withdrawing measures, to sponsors of measures, to prefiling measures, and to three  
3 readings of bills.

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

5 \* **Section 1.** Rule 27(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

6 (b) After a bill or resolution has been introduced, or a motion for the adoption  
7 of an amendment has been made, and is read by the clerk or secretary or stated by the  
8 presiding officer, it is deemed to be in possession of the house. A measure in  
9 possession of the house of origin [IT] may be withdrawn at any time before it is first  
10 transmitted to the second house [BY THE MEMBER INTRODUCING OR  
11 REPORTING IT] if consent is given by a majority vote of the full membership [OF  
12 THE HOUSE]. Only the prime sponsor of the measure, a joint prime sponsor of  
13 the measure with agreement of all other joint prime sponsors, or the chair of the  
14 committee that introduced the measure may move to withdraw it.

15 \* **Sec. 2.** Rule 36, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

1           **Rule 36. Prefiling of Measures [BILLS].** (a) Drafts of [BILLS OR]  
2 proposals for bills or resolutions may be requested from [PREFILED WITH THE  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF] the Legislative Affairs Agency at any time before  
4 January 1. All requests are confidential [AND ARE LIMITED TO BILLS AND  
5 THOSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE  
6 OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS]. Each measure [BILLS] given final approval by  
7 the prime sponsor or all joint prime sponsors will be assigned a number and  
8 duplicated before or during the week before [PRIOR TO] the convening date of the  
9 session and made available to the press and public. A member or member elect may  
10 request as sole prime sponsor no more than 10 measures [BILLS] for prefiling and  
11 as joint prime sponsor up to an additional 20 measures for prefiling. A draft  
12 [DRAFTS] of a measure [PREFILED BILLS] not receiving sponsor approval prior to  
13 the agency deadline for numbering and printing the prefiled measures  
14 [CONVENING DAY OF THE SESSION] will not be introduced as a prefiled  
15 measure [BILLS], but, at the direction of the prime sponsor or of all joint prime  
16 sponsors, will be prepared in final form by the agency staff, subject to the demands of  
17 assigned interim and pre-session work.

18           (b) Prefiled measures [BILLS] are submitted to each house for formal  
19 introduction and first reading at the commencement of the first regular session on the  
20 day when the house is organized to the point where it has committees to receive  
21 measures [BILLS], or on the first day of the second regular session. Prefiled  
22 measures [BILLS] are read and referred to committee in advance of other measures  
23 [BILLS].

24 \* **Sec. 3.** Rule 37(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

25           (a) Any member, group of members, standing, special, or joint committee may  
26 introduce a measure [BILL], subject to the provisions of these Uniform Rules.  
27 Measures introduced by members must have at least one prime sponsor or more  
28 than one joint prime sponsor, and may have cosponsors. After introduction,  
29 when the measure is in the possession of the house of origin and with approval of  
30 the prime sponsor or of all joint prime sponsors, additional members may be  
31 added as joint prime sponsors or as cosponsors. When the measure is in the

possession of the second house, a member of that house may be added as cross cosponsor with the approval of the prime sponsor or of all joint prime sponsors.

A measure [BILL] must be introduced, in proper form as approved by the enrolling secretary of the legislature, with the original and three copies delivered to the chief clerk or secretary. The measure [BILL] is then assigned a number, which it retains through subsequent changes and substitutions. The measure [BILL] is considered formally introduced when the clerk or secretary reads the heading and title aloud in open session (first reading). Measures [BILLS] may be introduced through the Rules Committees by the governor and the permanent interim committees pursuant to provisions of law. A member may move to withdraw the member's name as sponsor of a measure when it is in possession of the house in which it was introduced.

\* Sec. 4. Rule 39(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(b) First Reading. The first reading consists of a reading aloud by the clerk or secretary of the following information: [THE] house of origin, heading and [THE] bill number, sponsorship [THE SPONSOR], and [THE] title of the bill, e.g., "In the House, House Bill No. ..., by ..... and ..... , A bill for an Act entitled, 'An Act relating to a code of ethics for state employees.'" Notwithstanding the foregoing, the presiding officer may direct the clerk or secretary to dispense with the reading of the full title, in which case only the first phrase of the title shall be read or so much of it as is required by the presiding officer. The bill is then referred by the presiding officer to one or more standing or special committees. The house may, by a majority vote of the full membership of the house, refer the bill to any other standing or special committee.

\* Sec. 5. Rule 39(d), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(d) Third Reading. On its third reading the bill is read by heading and title only. The presiding officer may direct the clerk or secretary to dispense with the reading of the full title, in which case only the first phrase of the title shall be read or so much of it as is required by the presiding officer. The question on third reading of a bill is upon its final passage and no amendments may be considered. No bill may become law without an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership of

1 each house. The yeas and nays on final passage, noting the name and vote of each  
2 member, shall be entered in the journal. The bill is then engrossed or enrolled, as  
3 appropriate, at the direction of the clerk or secretary.