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CSSCR 2(STA), 27-LS0031\B - "Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the presiding officer pro tempore."

SPONSOR STATEMENT

THE PURPOSE OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 IS TO AMEND THE UNIFORM RULES TO INCREASE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICERS AND TO ALLOW MORE LEGISLATORS TO FUNCTION IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

CSSCR 2(STA) creates a permanent third position in leadership for temporary presiding officers who heretofore only presided over the first floor session of a legislature until the chambers were organized and the permanent or regular presiding officers were seated.

Sections 1-3 change the nomenclature in titles to be consistent throughout the Uniform Rules.

Section 4 amends Uniform Rule 4 by establishing that in the absence of both the regular presiding officer (Speaker of the House) and the absence of the majority leader, the presiding officer pro tempore previously elected in Uniform Rule 1(b) serves as the presiding officer pro tempore. The result of the language amending section 4 of SCR 2 is that the presiding officer pro tempore elected at the start of the first session of legislature, in addition to the presiding officer pro tempore's duties set out in Uniform Rule 1(b), will continue for both sessions to serve as a "backup" in the absence of the regular presiding officer (Speaker of the House) and majority leader. Presiding officers pro tempore may also be assigned other duties consistent with the Uniform Rules. As presently provided in Rule 4, the regular presiding officers, majority leaders, and now the presiding officers pro tempore, may relinquish the chair to any member.