

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

UNIFORM RULES



ADOPTED 1981

by the

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

AS AMENDED 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012

Legislative Affairs Agency

ORGANIZATION OF FIRST SESSION

Rule 1. Organization of First Session. (a) At the time for convening of the first regular session of a legislature the lieutenant governor calls each house to order separately and calls the roll of members whose election has been certified. The lieutenant governor then administers the oath of office to the new members and, pending the election of temporary presiding officers, preserves order and decorum in the house.

(b) When the house by a majority vote of the full membership of the house selects a temporary presiding officer, the temporary presiding officer assumes the chair and the lieutenant governor withdraws. The temporary presiding officer then calls for nominations for a permanent presiding officer and the nominee receiving a majority vote of the full membership of the house becomes the permanent presiding officer for the two-year duration of the legislature. If a permanent presiding officer is not elected by the seventh legislative day, on the eighth legislative day the temporary presiding officer shall call for nominations for a permanent presiding officer from the floor. A roll call vote shall be taken on the persons nominated. Election of a permanent presiding officer requires a majority vote of the full membership of the house.

(c) Pending the organization of the house a secretary assigned by the Legislative Council assists the lieutenant governor and the temporary and permanent presiding officers in the performance of their duties.

(d) The Uniform Rules of the Legislature of the previous regular session or any authorized revision of those rules are used as the temporary rules until the Rules Committee reports on and the legislature in joint session adopts permanent uniform rules.

(e) The presiding officer shall announce, not later than the day following election, the appointment of a Committee on Committees consisting of five members including the presiding officer. The presiding officer chairs the Committee on Committees. The committee is responsible for nominating the members of the standing committees as set out in Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each standing committee to serve for the two-year duration of the legislature. The membership of each committee shall total to an uneven number. On each standing committee the minority is entitled to the number of seats that is proportional to the number of minority members compared to the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the number of seats the minority is entitled to, fractional numbers that represent the minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. The report of the Committee on Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the full membership of the house. For purposes of this subsection "minority" means a group of members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at least 25 percent of the total house membership.

House Committee On Committees

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Representative Bryce Edgmon

Chair



Representative Neal Foster

Member



Representative Gabrielle LeDoux

Member



Representative Paul Seaton

Member



Representative Chris Tuck

Member



Representative Charisse Millett

Member



Representative Mike Chenault

Member