

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to voting procedure and abstention from voting.**

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

**\* Section 1.** Rule 34(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

(b) Abstention. Every member present in the house shall vote unless the house for special reasons permits a member to abstain. All motions excusing a member from voting shall be made before the house divides or before the call for the yeas and nays is commenced. A member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief oral statement of the reasons for the request and the question of granting permission to abstain shall be taken without further debate. A member may not explain a vote, may not discuss the question while the yeas and nays are being called, and may not change a vote after the roll call result has been announced. Upon division and count of the house of any question a member who is not within the chamber may not be counted. A member may not be permitted to abstain except upon the unanimous consent of the membership. Upon a member's request to be excused from voting, the clerk or secretary shall record in the journal the member requesting to be excused, the

1 stated reason for the request, and, if an objection to the request is made, the  
2 member or members who objected.