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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

A RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to withdrawing measures, to sponsors of measures, and to prefiling measures.

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

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

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 A measure in possession of the house of origin [IT] may be withdrawn at any time before it is first transmitted to the second house [BY THE MEMBER INTRODUCING OR REPORTING IT] if consent is given by a majority vote of the full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

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

Rule 36. Prefiling of Measures [BILLS]. (a) Drafts of [BILLS OR] proposals for bills or resolutions may be requested from [PREFILED WITH THE

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

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

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

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

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