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House Bill 310 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to the selection and duties of delegates to a United States Convention of the States."

HB 310 defines the process of delegate selection and duties of delegates selected to represent the State of Alaska at a Convention of the States called under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. When a Convention of the States is called, the Alaska State Legislature shall by a joint resolution appoint delegates, alternate delegates and an observer to the convention. All delegates will serve their state without compensation. Before the convening of the Convention of the States, the state legislature will provide instructions to delegates, alternate delegates and observer by joint resolution regarding the topics to be discussed and voted upon. Each delegate and alternate delegate will be sworn in and will faithfully discharge all of the duties provided by the Alaska State Legislature. The legislature can recall any selected delegates or observer at any time and appoint a new delegate, alternate delegate or an observer by joint resolution. Votes cast by delegates that are outside of the scope of the provided instructions by the Alaska State Legislature are considered ultra vires and void. Delegates who casts or attempts to cast non-authorized votes is subject to immediate replacement by an alternate delegate and is guilty of a class C felony and may be punished as provided in AS 12.55.