

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRENN

Introduced: 1/20/17

Referred:

**A RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

5 (b) Abstention **and Voting. Except as provided in this subsection, every**  
6 **[EVERY] member present in the house shall vote. A member may abstain from**  
7 **voting if [UNLESS] the house, for special reasons, permits a member to abstain. A**  
8 **member shall request to be excused from voting on a question in the house if the**  
9 **member has a conflict of interest that is reasonably likely to influence the**  
10 **member's vote on the question.** All motions excusing a member from voting shall be  
11 made before the house divides or before the call for the yeas and nays is commenced.  
12 A member requesting to be excused from voting may **not vote on the question of the**  
13 **member's abstention; however, the member shall** make a brief oral statement of the  
14 reasons for the request, **including, if applicable, specific provisions of AS 24.60 that**  
15 **support the member's request to be excused. The** [AND THE] question of **the**  
16 **member's abstention** [GRANTING PERMISSION TO ABSTAIN] shall be taken

1 without further debate. A member may not explain a vote, may not discuss the  
2 question while the yeas and nays are being called, and may not change a vote after the  
3 roll call result has been announced. Upon division and count of the house of any  
4 question, a member who is not within the chamber may not be counted. A member  
5 may not be permitted to abstain except **on the question of the member's abstention**  
6 **or** upon [THE UNANIMOUS] consent of **a majority of** the membership.