

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SERVICES

30th Alaska Legislature
LRS Report 18.097
February 9, 2018



(907) 465-3991 phone
(907) 465-3908 fax
research@akleg.gov

Number of Members Serving on the Committee on Committees

Tim Spengler, Legislative Analyst

In each legislative session since statehood, how many members have served on the Legislature's Committee on Committees in both the Senate and the House?

Since the first Alaska Legislative Session in 1959, the Legislature's Uniform Rules has stipulated that five members of each chamber should serve on the respective chamber's Committee on Committees.¹

According to our review, since statehood the Senate has always had five members on its Committee, as did the House from statehood through the 17th Legislature (1991).² However, in the 18th Legislature (1993), the House named six members to its Committee. Since that time—from the 19th Legislature (1995) through the current 30th Legislature—the House has named seven members to its Committee.³ In the House Journals, we found no indication of why the chamber began placing more than five representatives on its Committee on Committees.

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

¹ The Uniform Rules can be accessed at http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/uniform_rules.pdf. Rule 1(e) addresses the Committee on Committees.

² We identified this information from the Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (1993-2017); Infobases (1987-1991); and House and Senate Journals (1959-1985).

³ The one exception to this was in the 27th Legislature (2009), when the House placed six members on the Committee on Committees.