

STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Relating to a legislative hall for the legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS art. III, sec. 22, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that

"All executive and administrative . . . functions, powers, and duties shall be allocated by law among and within (the) principal departments . . ."; and

WHEREAS art. II, sec. 1, of the constitution grants to the legislature the power of the enactment of law, subject only to the veto of a bill by the governor; and

WHEREAS the legislature has enacted into law a requirement that no contract or lease which provides for a payment in excess of \$12,000 annually is valid unless approved by the legislature by concurrent resolution (AS 37.05.280); and

WHEREAS plans are now underway by the City and Borough of Juneau to finance and construct a legislative hall to house the legislature of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS it appears to be the intention of the City and Borough of Juneau to enter into a long-term lease of the legislative hall with the state; and

WHEREAS the legislature has not in any manner given its approval to these plans; and

WHEREAS an executive branch which determines the seat of the legislature, without the approval of the legislature, disregards the doctrine of the separation of powers and violates the spirit of comity between the branches of government;

IT IS THE SENSE OF the Alaska House of Representatives that the Governor of the State of Alaska, the Honorable Bill Sheffield, as well as the City and Borough of Juneau cease and desist from any plan for the construction of a new legislative hall in Juneau or at any other location within the state without having received the express direction of the Legislature of the State of Alaska.