

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE B.DAVIS**

**Introduced: 1/25/95**

**Referred: Rules**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature**  
2 **relating to presiding officers pro tempore; and providing for an effective date.**

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

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

6 (b) When the house by a majority vote of the full membership of the house  
7 selects a temporary presiding officer, the temporary presiding officer assumes the chair  
8 and the lieutenant governor withdraws. The temporary presiding officer then calls for  
9 nominations for a permanent presiding officer and the nominee receiving a majority  
10 vote of the full membership of the house becomes the permanent presiding officer for  
11 the two-year duration of the legislature. If a permanent presiding officer is not elected  
12 by the seventh legislative day, on the eighth legislative day the temporary presiding  
13 officer shall **again** call for nominations for a permanent presiding officer from the  
14 floor. A roll call vote shall be taken on the persons nominated. Election of a  
15 permanent presiding officer requires a majority vote of the full membership of the  
16 house. **After assuming the chair, the permanent presiding officer calls for**

1 nominations for a presiding officer pro tempore and the nominee receiving a  
2 majority vote of the full membership of the house becomes the presiding officer  
3 pro tempore for the two-year duration of the legislature.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** Rule 1(e) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to  
5 read:

6 (e) The **permanent** presiding officer shall announce, not later than the day  
7 following election, the appointment of a Committee on Committees consisting of five  
8 members including the **permanent** presiding officer **and the presiding officer pro**  
9 **tempore**. The **permanent** presiding officer chairs the Committee on Committees.  
10 The committee is responsible for nominating the members of the standing committees  
11 as set out in Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each standing committee to serve  
12 for the two-year duration of the legislature. The membership of each committee shall  
13 total to an uneven number. On each standing committee the minority is entitled to the  
14 number of seats that is proportional to the number of minority members compared to  
15 the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the  
16 number of seats the minority is entitled to, fractional numbers that represent the  
17 minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. The report of the  
18 Committee on Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the full  
19 membership of the house. For purposes of this subsection "minority" means a group  
20 of members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at  
21 least 25 percent of the total house membership.

22 \* **Sec. 3.** Rule 4 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

23 **RULE 4. DUTIES OF THE PERMANENT PRESIDING OFFICER AND**  
24 **THE PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEMPORE.** The **permanent** presiding officer  
25 of each house has the duties set forth in section 575, MASON'S MANUAL OF  
26 LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE, 1979 edition, when not inconsistent with these  
27 Uniform Rules. In the absence of the **permanent** [REGULAR] presiding officer, the  
28 [MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE SERVING EX OFFICIO AS] presiding  
29 officer pro tempore shall preside **and carry out the other duties of the permanent**  
30 **presiding officer. However, while presiding, the permanent presiding officer or**  
31 **the** [; EXCEPT THAT THE REGULAR] presiding officer **pro tempore** may

1 temporarily relinquish the chair to any member.

2 \* **Sec. 4.** Notwithstanding Rule 1(b) of the Uniform Rules, as amended by this resolution,  
3 within 10 days after the effective date of this resolution, each house shall elect a presiding  
4 officer pro tempore to serve for the duration of the Nineteenth Alaska State Legislature.

5 \* **Sec. 5.** The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect immediately.