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Establishing a Joint Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring.

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

WHEREAS electricity is among modern society's most basic requirements and commodities; and

WHEREAS even other forms of infrastructure, such as water and waste water systems, are largely dependent on electricity; and

WHEREAS the provision of adequate, reliable, and reasonably priced electrical energy is essential to the daily functions, safety, and economic well-being of Alaskans, their local communities, and the state; and

WHEREAS fundamental restructuring of the electric utility industry is now under deliberation by the Congress and other states; and

WHEREAS electric utility restructuring is a highly complex issue, carrying with it profound implications for all classes of electrical consumers; and

WHEREAS the implications and ramifications of such restructuring deserve detailed, careful, and informed decision making by the Alaska State Legislature;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring is established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall determine an equal number of members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate to serve on the joint committee, and that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the representatives to the committee and that the President of the Senate shall appoint the senators to the committee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the presiding officer of each body shall apportion minority members to the joint committee as provided in Rule 1(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, for standing committees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee may meet during and after the Second Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature and is terminated on the convening of the First Session of the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall provide to the legislature written recommendations on whether and how to implement electric utility restructuring in Alaska.