

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/28/97

Referred: Finance, Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ROKEBERG, Hudson

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature**
2 **relating to committee meetings; and providing for an effective date.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Rule 20(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to
5 read:

6 (b) **A standing committee may meet between sessions as well as during**
7 **sessions.** The committee **chairs** [CHAIRMEN] are authorized to form [SUCH]
8 subcommittees as they determine to be necessary.

9 * **Sec. 2.** Rule 21(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

10 (c) A resolution establishing a special or joint committee shall specify the date
11 or conditions of termination of the committee. [A STANDING COMMITTEE MAY
12 MEET BETWEEN SESSIONS.] A special or joint committee may meet during
13 **legislative sessions** [THE SESSION] or between sessions, or both, as authorized by
14 the resolution **that** [WHICH] establishes the committee. [A STANDING, SPECIAL,
15 OR JOINT COMMITTEE WHICH ACTS BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
16 MAY CONSIDER ANY LEGISLATIVE MATTER WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH

1 THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. A STANDING, SPECIAL, OR JOINT
2 COMMITTEE WHICH ACTS BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
3 CONSTITUTES A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR
4 ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.] A special or joint committee may expend money
5 only in accordance with an appropriation made for the work of the committee.

6 * **Sec. 3.** Rule 23, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended by adding
7 a new subsection to read:

8 (g) Members of a standing, special, or joint committee may attend a meeting
9 held during the session or between legislative sessions by teleconference and vote by
10 teleconference on any matter considered by the committee. A standing, special, or
11 joint committee that meets between sessions may consider and act on any matter that
12 is consistent with the jurisdiction of the committee, except that a bill or resolution that
13 has been referred to a standing or special committee may not be reported from the
14 committee between sessions unless the presiding officer of the house that established
15 the committee authorizes that action. A committee constitutes a subcommittee of the
16 Legislative Council for administrative purposes when it meets between sessions.

17 * **Sec. 4.** Rule 24(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

18 (a) A committee acts on all bills referred to it and reports its actions and
19 recommendations to the house as soon as practicable. Committee reports must be in
20 writing and the report must be signed by a majority of the members of the committee.
21 The report will note the recommendation of each member signing the report. **A**
22 **member who votes on a report by teleconference may direct the chair to note the**
23 **member's recommendation and sign the member's name on the report. The chair**
24 **shall state on the report that the chair has signed the report on behalf of the**
25 **member who voted by teleconference and at the direction of that member.**

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