

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
2 relating to certain committee meetings held outside of the state capital and to
3 recess of the legislature during the period the meetings are held; and providing
4 for an effective date.

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

6 * Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are amended by adding
7 a new rule to read:

8 Rule 23A. Committee Meetings Held Outside of the State Capital. (a)
9 Each standing committee shall hold at least one meeting at a location outside of the
10 state capital during the period beginning with the 61st day of each regular session and
11 ending on and including the 70th day. Committee chairs shall coordinate the
12 scheduling of meetings held under this rule so that a meeting of a standing committee
13 is held in as many different locations in the state as possible.

14 (b) Notwithstanding Uniform Rule 23, written notice of the time, place, and
15 subject matter of a meeting held under this rule shall be provided by the person who
16 chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. of the 50th day of the

1 regular session. Changes to the time, place, or subject matter of a meeting held under
2 this rule may not be made unless the person who chairs the committee determines that
3 the change is essential to the conduct of the business of the committee. Notice of a
4 change shall be provided to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. of the 55th day
5 of the session. The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute copies of the
6 schedule of meetings held under this rule and of changes to that schedule.

7 (c) A committee may report a bill out of committee during a meeting held
8 under this rule. However, a member attending the meeting by teleconference who is
9 not physically present at the location of the meeting may not vote to report the bill out
10 of committee.

11 (d) Subject to Sec. 10, Art. II, of the State Constitution, each house of the
12 legislature shall remain in recess during the period meetings are scheduled under this
13 rule.

14 * **Sec. 2.** Rule 52, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended by adding
15 a new subsection to read:

16 (b) Before the 40th day of each regular session, each body shall consider the
17 question of concurring in a recess in excess of three days by the other body during the
18 period beginning with the 61st day of the session and ending on and including the 70th
19 day for the purpose of holding committee meetings outside of the state capital under
20 Rule 23A.

21 * **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect on the convening of the
22 Second Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature.