

AMENDMENT #1
to HCS CSSB 45 (FIN)

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Insert:

* **Sec. 2.** AS 24.20.161 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.20.161. Membership. The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee is composed of 10 members: the **chairs** [CHAIRMEN] of the senate and house finance committees; one member selected from each of the senate and house finance committees and appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, respectively; and three members appointed from each house by the respective presiding officer. The **chair** [CHAIRMAN] of the finance committee may choose not to serve on the committee. If this occurs, the presiding officer of the appropriate house shall appoint a replacement from the finance committee. The membership from each house shall **meet the requirements of (b) of this section** [INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES]. The committee shall select its own **chair** [CHAIRMAN].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20.161 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The membership from each house must include at least one member from each of the two major political parties. The membership from each house must also include the number of minority members that is proportional to the number of minority members in the house compared to the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the number of seats the minority is entitled to, fractional numbers that represent the minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. For purposes of this subsection, "minority" means a group of members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at least 25 percent of the total house membership.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 24.20.181 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.20.181. Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs in the statutory or appointive membership of the committee, the presiding officer of the house incurring the vacancy shall choose a successor. If the office of the president of the senate or speaker of the house of representatives becomes vacant and a vacancy from the affected house occurs among the membership of the committee, the remaining committee members from the house incurring the vacancy shall appoint a new member. **After a vacancy is filled, the membership of the house that incurred the vacancy must meet the requirements of AS 24.20.161(b).**

Renumber following sections accordingly.