

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS**

**Introduced: 5/10/05**

**Referred: Rules**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to**  
2 **amendments and committee substitutes that require bill or resolution title changes.**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** Rule 24(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

5 (c) If a committee has more than one bill on the same subject or if it finds it  
6 necessary to revise a bill substantially, it may report out a substitute bill and  
7 recommend that the substitute be accepted for second reading in the place of the  
8 original bill. [A COMMITTEE OF THE SECOND HOUSE MAY NOT REPORT A  
9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR A BILL OR AN AMENDMENT TO A BILL  
10 THAT REQUIRES A CHANGE IN THE TITLE OF THE BILL, OTHER THAN A  
11 CLERICAL OR TECHNICAL CHANGE, AS THE TITLE WAS ENACTED IN THE  
12 HOUSE OF ORIGIN.] Substitute bills are duplicated and distributed when they are  
13 reported out by the committee. Committee substitute bills carry a notation of the  
14 source or sponsor of the original bill in the manner prescribed by the drafting manual  
15 unless the sponsor objects to the name so appearing.

16 \* **Sec. 2.** Rule 35, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

1           **Rule 35. Amendment.** A motion or proposition on a subject may not be  
 2 admitted under color of amendment if the subject matter is different from that under  
 3 consideration. [A MOTION OR PROPOSITION ON A SUBJECT THAT  
 4 REQUIRES A CHANGE IN THE TITLE OF THE BILL AS ENACTED IN THE  
 5 HOUSE OF ORIGIN, OTHER THAN A CLERICAL OR TECHNICAL CHANGE,  
 6 IS NOT IN ORDER IN THE SECOND HOUSE.] An amendment may not be  
 7 considered by the house unless submitted in writing and read aloud by the clerk or  
 8 secretary. Amendments offered by a committee shall be included in its written report  
 9 and attached to the original bill. A bill in second reading is subject to amendment and  
 10 is treated section by section. An amendment may not be made to a bill in its third  
 11 reading, but the bill may be returned to second reading by a majority vote of the full  
 12 membership of the house for the purpose of specific amendment. When action on a  
 13 specific amendment in second reading is completed, the bill automatically advances to  
 14 third reading. A [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS RULE, A] title may be  
 15 amended or a change of sponsor made in third reading or after passage by a majority  
 16 vote of the members present, but the title amendment or sponsor change must be  
 17 accomplished before the measure acted upon has been enrolled. When amendments to  
 18 the body of a bill affect the numbering of sections, or passage or failure of the  
 19 effective date clause affects the title, the clerk or secretary may accomplish the  
 20 necessary changes without formal motion, and the changes shall be noted in the  
 21 journal. Resolutions may be amended in the same manner as a bill.

22 \* **Sec. 3.** Uniform Rule 41(b) is repealed.

23 \* **Sec. 4.** This resolution takes effect immediately.