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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to construction of a legislative hall or renovation of an existing building**
2 **for use as a legislative hall; and repealing provisions relating to relocating the capital,**
3 **the legislature, or any of the present functions of state government."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 SPECIFICATIONS FOR A LEGISLATIVE HALL. (a) The Alaska Legislative
8 Council shall develop specifications for construction of a new legislative hall or renovation of
9 an existing building for use as a legislative hall and make those specifications available to
10 legislators and members of the public by July 15, 2009. The specifications must include a
11 method under which the aesthetic appeal of the building will be considered. The legislative
12 hall must meet all fire and building codes, including requirements of 42 U.S.C. 12101 - 12213
13 (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990), and meet the highest construction and geotechnical
14 engineering standards. The building must contain adequate heating, ventilating, and air

1 conditioning systems, with individual controls for each system. The building must be
2 configured so that office walls are not load bearing. All office rooms must be wired for
3 computer service, telephone service, fax machines, copy machines, cable television, and
4 security cameras. Capacity for additional wiring in the entire building must be provided for.
5 The specifications may provide for the following space:

6 (1) a private office for each legislator and that legislator's staff, with the
7 offices for the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to be
8 larger than other legislators' offices;

9 (2) a chamber room for each body of the legislature, each with electronic
10 voting boards and other appropriate equipment and with galleries that accommodate the
11 public and the media;

12 (3) a private lounge for legislators located on the same floor as the chambers,
13 with cooking facilities;

14 (4) adequate committee rooms, each with space for committee staff,
15 committee members, and members of the public;

16 (5) a suite of office space for use by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and
17 commissioners or other executive branch staff when they visit the legislative hall;

18 (6) one courtroom and adequate offices for judicial officers of the supreme
19 court and staff;

20 (7) at least one photocopy services room on each floor large enough for at
21 least one photocopier, photocopy and other supplies, and user;

22 (8) a public lounge and restaurant;

23 (9) rooms for security staff, documents, and supplies;

24 (10) office space for each agency of the legislative branch that the legislative
25 council determines should be located with the legislature;

26 (11) office space for the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
27 representatives;

28 (12) a print shop;

29 (13) a maintenance shop;

30 (14) a media office;

31 (15) an area adequate for electronic technology and telecommunications

1 equipment and cabling;

2 (16) a rotunda or atrium of sufficient size for public meetings, celebrations,
3 and events;

4 (17) facilities for the display of Alaska historical exhibits and artifacts;

5 (18) a documents room;

6 (19) a press room with space to rent to press groups;

7 (20) a child care facility;

8 (21) adequate and efficient restrooms on each floor that exceed current code
9 requirements.

10 (b) The specifications prepared by the legislative council must address parking to
11 include at least the following:

12 (1) covered parking on the site of the legislative hall;

13 (2) additional parking on the site of the legislative hall or adjacent to the site;

14 (3) covered walkways from the parking areas required under (1) and (2) of this
15 subsection to the legislative hall; and

16 (4) parking areas for additional vehicles near the site of the legislative hall.

17 (c) Total parking provided for under (b)(2) and (4) of this section must equal or
18 exceed the amount specified in the edition of the International Building Code that is current
19 on the date specifications are completed.

20 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 **PROPOSALS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HALL.** On completion of the specifications,
23 the Alaska Legislative Council shall solicit proposals for construction of the legislative hall or
24 renovation of an existing building for use as a legislative hall to be operated, maintained,
25 repaired, and managed by the legislative council for use by the legislature as the location for
26 regular sessions and for interim work. Proposals must include details regarding the financing
27 of the project and terms on which the project site and completed legislative hall will be made
28 available to the legislature. A proposal may not require lease payments by the legislature in
29 excess of \$1 per year or provide for a project completion date that is later than June 30, 2014.
30 In evaluating each proposal, the legislative council shall consider whether the proposed site

31 (1) has basic utility services;

- 1 (2) has adequate airport access;
- 2 (3) has adequate access by road, air, or marine ferry;
- 3 (4) is in an area with adequate health, education, and social services facilities
- 4 and adequate housing opportunities.

5 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

6 read:

7 SELECTION OF A PROPOSAL. (a) The Alaska Legislative Council shall review all

8 proposals, conduct inspections, and select a proposal or reject all proposals by December 15,

9 2010. If all proposals are rejected, the legislative council may revise the specifications and

10 solicit new proposals for the legislative hall. If a proposal is selected, the legislative council

11 shall submit the proposal to the legislature for its consideration.

12 (b) If the legislature fails to approve the proposal by concurrent resolution adopted by

13 a majority of the members of each house within six months after it is submitted, the legislative

14 council may revise the specifications and solicit new proposals for the legislative hall. A new

15 proposal selected by the legislative council is subject to approval by concurrent resolution.

16 (c) If the legislature approves a proposal by concurrent resolution, the legislative

17 council shall enter into contracts, leases, and other agreements necessary to carry out the

18 terms of the proposal. If the proposal selected is submitted by a municipality and includes a

19 site wholly or partially on state land, the legislative council shall take all action necessary to

20 arrange for the transfer of the land to the municipality at no cost, including introducing

21 legislation to accomplish that purpose.

22 (d) AS 36.30 and the contract procedures adopted by the legislative council under

23 AS 36.30.020 do not apply to the selection of a proposal under this section or to a contract,

24 lease, or other agreement entered into by the legislative council under this section.

25 AS 35.05.010 does not apply to a legislative hall project under this Act.

26 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.06.050, 44.06.055, and 44.06.060, commonly referred to as the FRANK

27 initiative, are repealed.

28 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

29 read:

30 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 24.05.090 and other provisions of law, if a

31 legislative hall project is approved under this Act, beginning with the first regular session that

1 begins after completion of the project, and each regular session thereafter, the legislature shall
2 convene in that legislative hall. The revisor of statutes shall prepare a bill and submit it to the
3 Alaska Legislative Council making all changes to statutes necessary to conform to this
4 section.