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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."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (6) at least one photocopy services room on each floor large enough for at
18 least one photocopier, photocopy and other supplies, and user;

19 (7) a public lounge and restaurant;

20 (8) rooms for security staff, documents, and supplies;

21 (9) office space for each agency of the legislative branch that the legislative
22 council determines should be located with the legislature;

23 (10) office space for the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
24 representatives;

25 (11) a print shop;

26 (12) a maintenance shop;

27 (13) a media office;

28 (14) an area adequate for electronic technology and telecommunications
29 equipment and cabling;

30 (15) a rotunda or atrium of sufficient size for public meetings, celebrations,
31 and events;

- 1 (16) facilities for the display of Alaska historical exhibits and artifacts;
 2 (17) a documents room;
 3 (18) a press room with space to rent to press groups;
 4 (19) a child care facility;
 5 (20) adequate and efficient restrooms on each floor that exceed current code
 6 requirements.

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

- 9 (1) covered parking on the site of the legislative hall;
 10 (2) additional parking on the site of the legislative hall or adjacent to the site;
 11 (3) covered walkways from the parking areas required under (1) and (2) of this
 12 subsection to the legislative hall; and
 13 (4) parking areas for additional vehicles near the site of the legislative hall.

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

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

19 **PROPOSALS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HALL.** On completion of the specifications,
 20 the Alaska Legislative Council shall solicit proposals for construction of the legislative hall or
 21 renovation of an existing building for use as a legislative hall to be operated, maintained,
 22 repaired, and managed by the legislative council for use by the legislature as the location for
 23 regular sessions and for interim work. Proposals must include a firm financing commitment
 24 for the project and terms on which the project site and completed legislative hall will be made
 25 available to the legislature. A proposal may not require payments by the state in excess of \$1
 26 per year or provide for a project completion date that is later than June 30, 2014. The proposal
 27 must include indemnification of the state for all local assessments or fees other than ordinary
 28 utility and municipal service charges. In evaluating each proposal, the legislative council shall
 29 consider the cost to state residents of transportation to and from the proposed site based on
 30 calculations involving transportation costs from at least five cities, including one city in each
 31 judicial district. The legislative council shall also consider whether the proposed site

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

6 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 SELECTION OF A PROPOSAL. (a) The Alaska Legislative Council shall review all
9 proposals, conduct inspections, and select a proposal or reject all proposals by December 15,
10 2010. If all proposals are rejected, the legislative council may revise the specifications and
11 establish a new schedule for the solicitation and review of additional proposals for the
12 legislative hall. If a proposal is selected, the legislative council shall submit the proposal to
13 the legislature for its consideration.

14 (b) If the legislature fails to approve the proposal by concurrent resolution adopted by
15 a majority of the members of each house within six months after it is submitted, the legislative
16 council may revise the specifications and establish a new schedule for the solicitation and
17 review of proposals for the legislative hall. A new proposal selected by the legislative council
18 is subject to approval by concurrent resolution.

19 (c) If the legislature approves a proposal by concurrent resolution, the legislative
20 council shall enter into contracts, leases, and other agreements necessary to carry out the
21 terms of the proposal. If the proposal selected is submitted by a municipality and includes a
22 site wholly or partially on state land, the legislative council shall take all action necessary to
23 arrange for the transfer of the land to the municipality at no cost, including introducing
24 legislation to accomplish that purpose.

25 (d) AS 36.30 and the contract procedures adopted by the legislative council under
26 AS 36.30.020 do not apply to the selection of a proposal under this section or to a contract,
27 lease, or other agreement entered into by the legislative council under this section.
28 AS 35.05.010 does not apply to a legislative hall project under this Act.

29 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

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

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