

HOUSE BILL NO. 342

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Rules

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to open meetings guidelines for legislative bodies; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.60.037(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) A legislative body may hold an executive session only for the reasons
6 permitted under Rule 22(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and
7 in accordance with the procedure applicable to committees under Rule 22(c),
8 Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature. In cases where there are conflicts
9 between this section [THESE GUIDELINES] and the uniform rules [ADOPTED BY
10 THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE], the uniform rules prevail.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.037(g)(2) is amended to read:

12 (2) "legislative body"

13 [(A)] includes

14 (A) [(i)] the senate;

1 **(B)** [(ii)] the house of representatives;

2 **(C)** [(iii)] the senate and the house of representatives
3 meeting in joint session;

4 **(D)** [(iv)] a committee of the legislature, **including**
5 [OTHER THAN] the Committee on Committees, [BUT INCLUDING]
6 a standing committee, **a** special committee, **a** joint committee, **a**
7 conference or free conference committee, **a** committee of the whole,
8 and **a** permanent interim committee;

9 **(E)** [(v)] a legislative commission, task force, or other
10 group established by statute or resolution; or

11 **(F)** [(vi)] a caucus of members of one or more of the
12 bodies set out in **(A) - (F) of this paragraph** [(i) - (v) OF THIS
13 SUBPARAGRAPH];

14 [(B) DOES NOT INCLUDE

15 (i) ANY COMMITTEE OR GROUP OF
16 LEGISLATORS CONSIDERING ONLY MATTERS INVOLVING
17 THE ORGANIZATION OF A COMMITTEE OR A HOUSE OF THE
18 LEGISLATURE, INCLUDING SELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE
19 OFFICERS;

20 (ii) ANY COMMITTEE OR GROUP OF
21 LEGISLATORS AND THE GOVERNOR OR STAFF OF THE
22 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR;

23 (iii) LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS;

24 (iv) OFFICERS OF A CAUCUS;]

25 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.037(c) is repealed.

26 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).