

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating**
 2 **to abstention from voting; and providing for an effective date for the amendment.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Rule 34(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

5 (b) Abstention. **Except as provided in this subsection, every** [EVERY]
 6 member present in the house shall vote [UNLESS THE HOUSE FOR SPECIAL
 7 REASONS PERMITS A MEMBER TO ABSTAIN]. All motions **to excuse**
 8 [EXCUSING] a member from voting shall be made before the house divides or before
 9 the call for the yeas and nays is commenced. A member requesting to be excused from
 10 voting may make a brief oral statement of the reasons for the request, and the question
 11 of **refusing** [GRANTING] permission to abstain shall be taken without further debate.
 12 **The member who requests to be excused from voting may not vote on the**
 13 **question of refusing permission.** A member may not explain a vote, may not discuss
 14 the question while the yeas and nays are being called, and may not change a vote after
 15 the roll call result has been announced. Upon division and count of the house of any
 16 question a member who is not within the chamber may not be counted. A member **is**

1 [MAY NOT BE] permitted to abstain **unless permission to abstain is refused by**
2 [EXCEPT UPON THE] unanimous consent of the **members present who must vote**
3 **on the question** [OF THE MEMBERSHIP].

4 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution takes effect immediately.