

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 18(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/11/11

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR STEVENS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the convening and duration of regular sessions of the legislature;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.05.090 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 24.05.090. Duration of legislature; sessions.** [THE LEGISLATURE
6 SHALL CONVENE AT THE CAPITAL EACH YEAR ON THE THIRD TUESDAY
7 IN JANUARY AT 1:00 p.m.] Each legislature has a duration of two years and consists
8 of a "First Regular Session" that meets in the odd-numbered years, and a "Second
9 Regular Session" that meets in the even-numbered years, and any special session that
10 the governor or legislature calls. **The legislature shall convene a First Regular**
11 **Session at the capital on the third Tuesday in January at 1:00 p.m. and shall**
12 **convene a Second Regular Session at the capital on the second Tuesday in**
13 **January at 1:00 p.m.**

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.05.150(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The legislature shall adjourn from a **first** regular session within 90
2 consecutive calendar days, including the day the legislature first convenes in that
3 [REGULAR] session. **The legislature shall adjourn from a second regular session**
4 **within 120 consecutive calendar days, including the day the legislature first**
5 **convenes in that session.**

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.05.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the legislature may extend a first or
8 second regular session once for up to 10 consecutive calendar days. An extension of
9 the regular session requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the
10 membership of each house.

11 * **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect January 1, 2012.

12 * **Sec. 5.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).