

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/11

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DAVIS, Ellis

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to**
2 **the presiding officer pro tempore.**

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

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

5 (a) At the time for convening of the first regular session of a legislature, the
6 lieutenant governor calls each house to order separately and calls the roll of members
7 whose election has been certified. The lieutenant governor then administers the oath of
8 office to the new members and, pending the election of [TEMPORARY] presiding
9 officers **pro tempore**, preserves order and decorum in the house.

10 * **Sec. 2.** Rule 1(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

11 (b) When the house by a majority vote of the full membership of the house
12 selects a [TEMPORARY] presiding officer **pro tempore**, the [TEMPORARY]
13 presiding officer **pro tempore** assumes the chair, and the lieutenant governor
14 withdraws. The [TEMPORARY] presiding officer **pro tempore** then calls for
15 nominations for a **regular** [PERMANENT] presiding officer, and the nominee
16 receiving a majority vote of the full membership of the house becomes the **regular**

1 [PERMANENT] presiding officer for the two-year duration of the legislature. If a
 2 **regular** [PERMANENT] presiding officer is not elected by the seventh legislative
 3 day, on the eighth legislative day, the [TEMPORARY] presiding officer **pro tempore**
 4 shall call for nominations for a **regular** [PERMANENT] presiding officer from the
 5 floor. A roll call vote shall be taken on the persons nominated. Election of a **regular**
 6 [PERMANENT] presiding officer requires a majority vote of the full membership of
 7 the house.

8 * **Sec. 3.** Rule 1(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

9 (c) Pending the organization of the house, a secretary assigned by the
 10 Legislative Council assists the lieutenant governor, **the presiding officer pro**
 11 **tempore**, and the **regular** [TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT] presiding **officer**
 12 [OFFICERS] in the performance of their duties.

13 * **Sec. 4.** Rule 4, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

14 **Rule 4. Duties of the Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer of each house
 15 has the duties set forth in Section 575, MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE
 16 PROCEDURE, 2000 edition, when not inconsistent with these Uniform Rules. In the
 17 absence of the regular presiding officer, the majority leader of the house **shall serve**
 18 [SERVING EX OFFICIO] as presiding officer. **In the absence of the regular**
 19 **presiding officer, and in the absence of the majority leader of the house, the**
 20 **presiding officer pro tempore elected under Rule 1(b) shall preside over sessions**
 21 **of the house. When presiding during sessions of the house, the majority leader or**
 22 **the presiding officer pro tempore elected under Rule 1(b) may exercise the duties**
 23 **of the regular presiding officer. The** [PRO TEMPORE SHALL PRESIDE;
 24 EXCEPT THAT THE] regular presiding officer, **the majority leader, or the**
 25 **presiding officer pro tempore** may temporarily relinquish the chair to any member.