

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO

Introduced: 4/11/25

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the**
2 **membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.20.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 24.20.020. Membership.** The legislative council is composed of the
6 president of the senate and six other senators appointed by the president, and the
7 speaker of the house of representatives and six other representatives appointed by the
8 speaker. The membership from each house shall include at least one member from **the**
9 **minority** [EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES]. The appointing
10 authority in each house shall make and announce the appointment or reappointment of
11 members of the council within 15 days after the convening of the first regular session
12 of each legislature.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.20.161 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 24.20.161. Membership.** The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee is

1 composed of 10 members: the chairs [CHAIRMEN] of the senate and house finance
 2 committees, [;] one member selected from each of the senate and house finance
 3 committees and appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house,
 4 respectively, [;] and three members appointed from each house by the respective
 5 presiding officer. The chair [CHAIRMAN] of the finance committee may choose not
 6 to serve on the committee. If this occurs, the presiding officer of the appropriate house
 7 shall appoint a replacement from the finance committee. The membership from each
 8 house shall include at least one member from the minority [EACH OF THE TWO
 9 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES]. The committee shall select its own chair
 10 [CHAIRMAN].

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 **Article 4. General Provisions.**

13 **Sec. 24.20.700. Definition.** In this chapter, "minority" means a group of
 14 members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at least
 15 25 percent of the total house membership.