

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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Relating to investigation to determine

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need for legislation to regulate public

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utilities.

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WHEREAS, the people in and about the City of Anchorage are

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being served by two utilities, one municipal and one cooperative; and

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and WHEREAS, such utilities are duplicating services and are

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continuously engaged in unnecessary, bitter, and repetitious

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bickering and controversies, including court litigation; and

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WHEREAS, such disputes have resulted in the incurring of

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additional, wasteful expenses, which have been charged back

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against the consumers and thus resulted in excessive rates for

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the furnishing of essential and needed services; and

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WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is without a public utilities

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commission to make investigations and to regulate rates and stan-

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dards of service; and

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WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is in urgent need of such a

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commission or some like regulatory body because of the continuing

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growth of cities and other areas in Alaska;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives

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of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled,

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THAT THE Legislative Council is directed to conduct hearings in

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and about the City of Anchorage to determine ways and means of

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bringing about more efficient, economical and better services to

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the consumers; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is directed to

1 invoked its authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel
2 the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers,
3 books of account, documents and testimony and do anything else
4 which it deems necessary and proper to make findings and recom-
5 mendations to the Legislature next convening.

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