

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring the Legislature and
7 the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska
8 to meet in cities other than Juneau; and
9 setting an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. DECLARATION OF INTENT. Recognizing that it
12 would be beneficial to the State if the people of Alaska are
13 afforded the opportunity to observe and participate in the
14 legislative and judicial processes, thereby becoming a better
15 informed citizenry; that the economy of any community is
16 greatly assisted by the presence therein of members of the
17 legislative and judicial branches of the government; that the
18 extent and size of Alaska demands a closer liason with the
19 people so that they may better understand the vast governmental
20 and economic problems confronting the Legislature and Courts,
21 which understanding can best be developed by the actual meet-
22 ing of these two branches of government in the different cities
23 and areas of Alaska; it is hereby declared to be the intent of
24 this Act to continue the Capital of the State of Alaska at
25 Juneau, but to authorize the meeting of the Legislature and
26 Supreme Court of the State in other cities for temporary
27 periods.

28 Sec. 2. SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE WITHOUT THE CAPITAL.
29 The Legislature of the State of Alaska shall periodically hold

1 sessions in or about the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks,
2 Ketchikan, and if accommodations and facilities are available,
3 Nome. Within fifteen days of the adjourning of the first
4 regular session, the Legislature shall, by concurrent resolution
5 of the Senate and House of Representatives, choose one of the
6 cities heretofore cited, which city shall be the site of the
7 next meeting of such Legislature. Thereafter, whether
8 following a recess or reconvening of the next regular session,
9 the Legislature shall choose the next legislative meeting site
10 in the same manner as set forth above. If no site has been
11 agreed to by concurrent resolution, the Legislature shall
12 next meet in Juneau.

13 Sec. 3. SESSIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT. After the
14 establishment of the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice thereof
15 shall establish a schedule of sessions of such court outside
16 the capital. Such sessions may be held in the cities of
17 Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ketchikan and Nome. The Supreme Court
18 may by rule prescribe the length of such sessions and other
19 procedural and administrative matters relating thereto.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect
21 immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming
22 law without such approval.

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