

BY RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relative to directing the  
6 Legislative Council, or in  
7 lieu thereof, a special  
8 interim study committee, to  
9 study and prepare a feasible  
10 adoption code for the State.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE  
12 OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

13 WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Alaska relating to adoption  
14 are unworkable and inadequate both from the point of view of  
15 clarity of language and from the modern view as to the necessary  
16 qualifications and background of adoptive parents; and

17 WHEREAS, many of the states of the Union have after exhaus-  
18 tive study and research, enacted adoption codes of considerable  
19 detail and scope which present a more advanced approach to this  
20 problem of such importance to modern society; and

21 WHEREAS, the studies undertaken by other legislative bodies,  
22 as well as those done by private and public organizations con-  
23 cerned with the problem, are available to the Legislature in the  
24 way of pointing the way to suitable legislation of this field and,

25 WHEREAS, the Alaska Council of Churches, a body representing  
26 eleven denominations with 22,000 members in the State, has gone  
27 on record favoring the enactment by the Legislature of such a  
28 modern adoption code;

29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; by the House of Representatives

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of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, the Senate concurring,  
that the Legislative Council be directed to study in detail the  
present state of the Alaska law in the field of adoption and to  
prepare for presentation to the next regular session of the  
Legislature a modern adoption code as will serve the needs of  
Alaska now and in the future.