

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 SENATE BILL NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the legislative branch
7 of government; amending Ch. 157, SLA 1959;
8 and providing for an effective date."

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

10 Section 1. Sec. 16 (1), Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is amended to
11 read:

12 Sec. 16. OFFICERS. (1) (a) The senate shall elect
13 from its membership a presiding officer who shall be called
14 the "President of the Senate" and the house of representa-
15 tives shall elect from its membership a presiding officer who
16 shall be called the "Speaker of the House of Representatives."
17 The presiding officers of each house shall have such powers,
18 duties and prerogatives as shall be assigned them under the
19 rules of the legislature and by law.

20 (b) The majority leader of each house serves as
21 the presiding officer pro tempore of that house if the
22 elected presiding officer resigns, becomes incapacitated, or
23 dies. The presiding officer pro tempore is authorized to
24 perform the duties of that office until the house elects a
25 regular presiding officer.

26 Sec. 2. Sec. 16 (2), Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and
27 re-enacted to read:

28 (2) Each house shall select from outside its membership
29 and to serve at its pleasure a chief administrative clerk of

1 known stenographic and administrative ability. The chief
2 administrative clerks are responsible for the proper execu-
3 tion of assignments made by law, the uniform rules, or their
4 respective houses. They are required to be on full-time
5 duty at the capital at least three full working days prior
6 to the convening of each session and will remain at the capi-
7 tal on a full-time basis until they certify the completion
8 of their post-session work to the legislative council. Pend-
9 ing organization of a house for the first session of any
10 legislature, the legislative council may designate an acting
11 chief administrative clerk to accomplish the necessary pre-
12 organization work.

13 Sec. 3. Sec. 16 (3), Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
14 enacted to read:

15 (3) The fiscal officer of the legislative council serves
16 as the fiscal officer of the legislature.

17 Sec. 4. Sec. 17, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
18 enacted to read:

19 Sec. 17. LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES. The temporary em-
20 ployees of the legislature are hired for the duration of
21 each session upon the recommendation of the permanent help
22 committee of each house. Employees assigned to each house
23 are under the supervision of the chief clerk and senate
24 secretary. Employees assigned to the duplicating, distribut-
25 ing, mailing, and other centralized services are under the
26 immediate supervision of legislative council personnel res-
27 ponsible for those services. Permanent and temporary em-
28 ployees of the legislature and its agencies shall be employed
29 subject to classification and wage plans based on the merit

1 principle and adapted to the special needs of the legislature.
2 Permanent employees are subject to the general state laws
3 regarding leave and retirement.

4 Sec. 5. Sec. 21, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
5 enacted to read:

6 Sec. 21. LEGISLATIVE SPACE. a. The space occupied
7 jointly or by each house for the transaction of legislative
8 business is subject to joint use and control by the presiding
9 officers of each house.

10 b. Access to legislative space is governed by the
11 uniform rules, provided, that during any session of the legis-
12 lature no person not a member or authorized employee of the
13 legislature or its agencies may enter upon the floor of
14 either house while it is sitting, in recess, or merely
15 adjourned for the day, without the permission or expressed
16 invitation of the chair to so enter for a special purpose or
17 for the day.

18 Sec. 6. Sec. 23, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
19 enacted to read:

20 Sec. 23. ADMINISTRATION. All administrative services
21 necessary to the operation of the legislature during and be-
22 tween sessions are provided by the legislative council.
23 These services include procurement, storage, and maintenance
24 of all supplies and equipment; interim control of legislative
25 space; fiscal and personnel services; supervision of dupli-
26 cating, distributing and mailing services; and budget
27 preparation.

28 Sec. 7. Sec. 27, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
29 enacted to read:

1 Sec. 27. SESSION LAWS. Arrangements for the printing,
2 binding and distribution of the laws and resolutions passed
3 at each session shall be made by the Department of Adminis-
4 tration in coordination with the legislative council. Print-
5 ing and binding shall be accomplished by open bidding on the
6 basis of specifications provided by the legislative council.
7 Advance sheets or slip laws and the bound volumes of session
8 laws may be sold to the public by the department at a price
9 based on production costs. Each legislator shall receive one
10 complimentary copy of the bound session laws passed during
11 the session in which he served. The department shall make
12 official distribution to government agencies on the basis of
13 written requests and justifications approved by the commis-
14 sioner of administration. The legislative council through
15 its legislative reference library is the state agency author-
16 ized to exchange bound session laws of Alaska with other
17 jurisdictions.

18 Sec. 8. Sec. 28, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
19 enacted to read:

20 Sec. 28. LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES. The estimate of operat-
21 ing expenses for the legislature shall be included in the
22 annual budget submitted by the legislative council. A
23 summary total by major item shall be submitted by the council
24 to the governor for information purposes in the preparation
25 of the executive budget. A detailed budget document will be
26 submitted to the house finance committee. All disbursements
27 from legislative appropriations shall be certified by the
28 bonded certifying officer designated by the council.

29 Sec. 9. Sec. 33, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is amended to read:

1 Sec. 33. PRE-FILING OF BILLS. Any member of the legis-
2 lature whose term extends into a forthcoming session or
3 legislature, or any member-elect, is authorized to file a
4 bill or a proposal for a bill with the legislative council
5 at any time within sixty days prior to the convening of any
6 regular session. The legislative council is authorized to
7 place a pre-filed bill in proper form [/, ASSIGN IT A NUMBER
8 FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE,] and deliver same
9 to the chief clerk of the appropriate [THAT] house on the
10 day which the next session convenes or is organized for
11 business. Pre-filed bills shall be considered as introduced
12 on the day of their delivery to each house.

13 Sec. 10. Sec. 34, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-
14 enacted to read:

15 Sec. 34. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. a. A member of the
16 legislature or a committee chairman on the behalf of his
17 committee may introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and
18 resolutions shall be prepared and introduced in the manner
19 and form prescribed in the uniform rules and the legislative
20 style manual.

21 b. Bills introduced by the legislative council will
22 bear the inscription "Rules Committee by Request of the
23 Legislative Council." Bills presented by the governor will
24 be delivered with a letter to the rules committee of either
25 house and bear the inscription "Rules Committee by Request
26 of the Governor." Bills so presented and inscribed will be
27 received as bills carrying the approval of the governor as
28 to policy and budget impact. The governor may submit a
29 statement of purpose and effect with each bill and appear

1 personally or through a representative before any committee
2 considering legislation.

3 Sec. 11. Sec. 35, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is amended to read:

4 Sec. 35. NUMBERING OF BILLS. All bills [, EXCEPTING
5 THOSE PRE-FILED AND NUMBERED AS PROVIDED HEREIN ABOVE,] shall
6 be numbered by the chief clerk of the house in which intro-
7 duced in the order of their introduction and thereafter shall
8 be designated by the number given them.

9 Sec. 12. Sec. 41, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is amended to read:

10 Sec. 41. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

11 a. The legislature may propose amendments to the state con-
12 stitution through the adoption of a joint resolution by an
13 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of each
14 house. Resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall
15 be treated as bills.

16 b. Executive orders proposing changes in the executive
17 branch and requiring the force of law pursuant to provisions
18 of Sec. 23, Art. III, of the state constitution, shall be
19 submitted to the presiding officer of each house on the day
20 the house organizes. The legislature has sixty days of a
21 regular session, or a full session if of shorter duration to
22 disapprove these orders. Unless disapproved by a special
23 concurrent resolution introduced in either house, concurred
24 in by a majority of the members in joint session, these
25 orders become effective at a date thereafter to be designated
26 by the governor. Orders submitted to but not disapproved by
27 the legislature shall be published in the bound session laws
28 and any codification of state law.

29 Sec. 13. Secs. 22, 24, 25, and 26, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, are

1 repealed.

2 Sec. 14. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
3 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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