

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, which election shall be made
26 the order of business of the house at the earliest appro-
27 priate hour.

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 Sec. 16 (2), Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and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

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

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 Sec. 16 (3), Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-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

17 (3) The fiscal officer of the legislative council serves
18 as the fiscal officer of the legislature.

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 Sec. 17, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-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

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

1 employees of the legislature and its agencies shall be employed
2 subject to classification and wage plans based on the merit
3 principle and adapted to the special needs of the legislature.
4 Permanent employees are subject to the general state laws
5 regarding leave and retirement.

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 Sec. 21, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-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

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

12 b. Access to legislative space is governed by the
13 uniform rules, provided, that during any session of the legis-
14 lature no person not a member or authorized employee of the
15 legislature or its agencies may, without invitation of the
16 presiding officer, enter upon the floor of either house
17 while it is sitting or without express invitation of a
18 member during recess or while adjourned for the day.

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

21 Sec. 23. ADMINISTRATION. All administrative services
22 necessary to the operation of the legislature during and
23 between sessions are provided by the legislative council.
24 These services include procurement, storage, and maintenance
25 of all supplies and equipment; interim control of legislative
26 space; fiscal and personnel services except for the Legis-
27 lative Audit Committee; supervision of duplicating, dis-
28 tributing and mailing services; and budget preparation.

29 Sec. 7. Sec. 27, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-

1 enacted to read:

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

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

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

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1 council.

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

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

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

17 Sec. 34. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. a. A member of the
18 legislature or a committee chairman, with the concurrence of
19 a majority of the active members of the committee and on the
20 behalf of the committee, may introduce a bill or resolution.
21 Bills and resolutions shall be prepared and introduced in
22 the manner and form prescribed in the uniform rules and the
23 legislative style manual.

24 b. Bills introduced by the legislative council will
25 be delivered with a letter of explanation to the rules
26 committee of either house and bear the inscription "Rules
27 Committee by Request of the Legislative Council." Bills
28 presented by the governor will be delivered with a letter
29 to the rules committee of either house and bear the

1 inscription "Rules Committee by Request of the Governor."
2 Bills so presented and inscribed will be received as bills
3 carrying the approval of the governor as to policy and
4 budget impact. The governor or executive director of the
5 legislative council may submit a statement of purpose and
6 effect with each bill and appear personally or through
7 a representative before any committee considering legislation.
8 Sec. 11. Sec. 35, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, is amended to read:

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

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

15 Sec. 41. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

16 a. The legislature may propose amendments to the state con-
17 stitution through the adoption of a joint resolution by an
18 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of each
19 house. Resolutions proposing constitutional amendments shall
20 be treated as bills.

21 b. Executive orders proposing changes in the executive
22 branch and requiring the force of law pursuant to provisions
23 of Sec. 23, Art. III, of the state constitution, shall be
24 submitted to the presiding officer of each house on the day
25 the house organizes. The legislature has sixty days of a
26 regular session, or a full session if of shorter duration to
27 disapprove these orders. Unless disapproved by a special
28 concurrent resolution introduced in either house, concurred
29 in by a majority of the members in joint session, these

1 orders become effective at a date thereafter to be designated
2 by the governor. Orders submitted to but not disapproved by
3 the legislature shall be published in the bound session laws
4 and any codification of state law.

5 Sec. 13. Secs. 22, 24, 25, and 26, Ch. 157, SLA 1959, are
6 repealed.

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

9 Passed by the Senate February 6, 1961

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President of the Senate

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed by the House _____, 19__

Speaker of the House

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk of the House