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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the state  
6 constitution relating to rules of  
7 the legislature governing absent  
8 members.

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

10 \* Section 1. Sec. 12, Art. II of the Constitution of the State of Alaska  
11 is amended to read:

12 SECTION 12. The houses of each legislature shall adopt uniform  
13 rules of procedure. Each house may choose its officers and employees.  
14 Each is the judge of the election and qualifications of its members  
15 and may expel a member with the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.  
16 Each shall keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the member-  
17 ship of each house constitutes a quorum to do business, but a smaller  
18 number may adjourn from day to day and may compel attendance of absent  
19 members. If a member is absent without just cause for more than five  
20 consecutive days from sittings of the house in which he holds membership,  
21 he shall forfeit his membership and his seat shall be declared vacant  
22 unless his absence is excused by a two-thirds roll call vote  
23 of the house. The vote shall be the first order of business at the  
24 first sitting of the house following the five consecutive days of  
25 absence. The legislature shall regulate lobbying.

26 \* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before  
27 the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity with  
28 Sec. 1, Art. XIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the state  
29 election code.