

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the implementation of
6 data retrieval systems by the
7 Legislature.

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

9 WHEREAS many of the legislatures of other states have instituted or
10 are in the process of instituting certain data retrieval systems as they
11 may be utilized in the legislative process; and

12 WHEREAS oftentimes it is difficult under present procedures to quickly
13 research and find voting records, histories and subject matter of bills
14 from prior sessions, intent as may have been expressed in committee reports,
15 and other information that legislators and the public have occasion to want
16 or need; and

17 WHEREAS, if basic information of interest to all could be stored in
18 data processing banks, it would alleviate many tedious hours of journal
19 reading and other documents for legislators and staff alike; and

20 WHEREAS many other states have also begun to institute the use of
21 data retrieval systems as aids in the preparatory stages of legislation; and

22 WHEREAS, if feasible, both from an economic and practical view, if
23 data retrieval systems can be adopted as aids to the legislative branch of
24 government, it would be a major step in the modernization and upgrading of
25 the legislative process;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
27 is directed to conduct an interim study of the use and feasibility of data
28 processing systems by the Legislature and to make its recommendations to the
29 Seventh Legislature, Second Session; the study to include data processing

1 application to all phases of the legislative process and costs of implementing
2 any recommendations for data processing made by the Council.

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