

Introduced: 6/3/72
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Uniform Rules of the
6 Legislature.

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

8 WHEREAS the electorate is entitled to know a legislator's position on
9 all issues; and

10 WHEREAS votes on motions to discharge bills from committee do not ac-
11 curately reflect this position; and

12 WHEREAS majority will is often frustrated under existing protocol,
13 thus inordinantly prolonging legislative sessions; and

14 WHEREAS a better method must be provided whereby majority will may
15 prevail in disposing of key issues if legislative sessions are to be reduced
16 in length; and

17 WHEREAS, while a secret ballot discharge motion would accomplish this
18 objective, it is repugnant to many;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
20 be directed to compose proposed rules changes which allow the majority will
21 to be asserted; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council consider specifically the following:
23 Should a motion to hold a bill permanently in committee fail by two-thirds
24 vote, the bill shall, within three days, automatically advance to its next
25 committee of reference. Should the bill be in rules, it shall within three
26 days be placed upon the calendar. This motion may not be laid upon the
27 table; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council submit its proposed rules changes to
29 the Eighth Legislature, First Session.