

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act prescribing the procedures of the legislative  
7 branch."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 24.30.060 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (c) No member of the legislature may introduce a bill subsequent  
11 to the 45th legislative day of a regular session except with the ap-  
12 proval of two-thirds of the membership of the house.

13 (d) No committee of the legislature may introduce a bill unless  
14 two-thirds of the membership of the committee have approved the action.

15 (e) The rules committee of each house may not introduce bills by  
16 request of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Budget and Audit  
17 Committee, or the governor subsequent to the 45th legislative day of a  
18 regular session except with the approval of two-thirds of the membership  
19 of the house.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

21 Sec. 24.30.082. CONFERENCE REPORTS. (a) If one house refuses to  
22 concur in the amendments to a bill passed by the other house, it noti-  
23 fies the other house of its refusal and requests the other house to  
24 recede from its amendments. If the house refuses to recede, the pre-  
25 siding officer of each house appoints three members to sit on a commit-  
26 tee on conference. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to its  
27 members, and, when agreement on previously adopted amendments to a bill  
28 adopted by each house is reached, the committee submits an identical  
29 report to each house.

1 (b) When a disagreement to an amendment in the nature of a sub-  
2 stitute has been committed to a committee on conference, it shall be in  
3 order for the committee to propose a substitute which is a germane  
4 modification of the matter in disagreement, but the introduction of any  
5 language in that substitute presenting a specific additional topic,  
6 question, issue, or proposition not committed to the committee on con-  
7 ference by either house shall not constitute a germane modification of  
8 the matter in disagreement. The report of the committee on conference  
9 may not include matter not committed to the conference committee by  
10 either house, nor shall the committee report include a modification of  
11 any specific topic, question, issue, or proposition committed to the  
12 committee on conference by either or both houses if that modification  
13 is beyond the scope of that specific topic, question, issue, or proposi-  
14 tion as so committed to the committee on conference.

15 (c) It is not in order at any time to grant powers of free confer-  
16 ence to a committee on conference or to appoint a free conference com-  
17 mittee.

18 Sec. 24.30.084. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) During each  
19 legislative session, no standing committee or special committee may con-  
20 sider a bill unless the committee chairman has given notice of the  
21 committee's intention to consider the bill. Notice shall be given by  
22 posting a statement giving the name of the committee, the bills to be  
23 considered by number and a short title, and the time and place of the  
24 meeting. The notice must be posted in the legislative halls at least 24  
25 hours before the meeting.

26 (b) A committee may continue to consider bills which were properly  
27 noticed on immediately succeeding legislative days without additional  
28 notice.

29 Sec. 24.30.086. ACTION BY A COMMITTEE. (a) A committee shall

1 consider a bill assigned to it promptly and forward it to the next com-  
2 mittee of referral or to the floor of the house.

3 (b) A bill in a committee for four weeks without consideration is  
4 automatically placed on the committee calendar for the next scheduled  
5 meeting. If no consideration is then given the bill, it is automati-  
6 cally transmitted to the next committee or to the floor. If a bill  
7 receives consideration by a committee of referral but no report is  
8 adopted, it is automatically transmitted to the next committee or to  
9 the floor four weeks after the last consideration of the bill by the  
10 committee.

11 (c) A bill shall receive whatever attention from a committee of  
12 referral its subject matter warrants.

13 Sec. 24.30.088. NOTICE OF DAILY CALENDAR. The rules committee of  
14 each house shall prepare the daily calendar for distribution to each  
15 member and to the public so that 24-hour advance notice is available.  
16 No measure may be considered that has not received 24-hour notice.

17 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.30.090 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 24.30.090. VOTE ON PASSAGE. No bill may become law without  
19 the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of each house. The  
20 yeas and nays on final passage and on the adoption of a conference re-  
21 port shall be recorded in the journal.