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1 IN THE SENATE

BY RODEY AND HUBER

2 SENATE BILL NO. 514

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing time schedules for the orderly  
7 organization and operation of the legislature."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 24.05.080 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 24.05.080. TERMS. The term of each member of the legislature  
11 begins on the first Monday in December following the general election.  
12 The term of representatives is two years and the term of senators is  
13 four years. One-half of the senators are elected every two years.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.05.090 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

15 Sec. 24.05.090. REGULAR SESSIONS. (a) A legislature is of two  
16 years duration and consists of a first regular session, a second regular  
17 session, and any special session or sessions convened during that  
18 period.

19 (b) The first regular session shall convene at the capital at 2:00  
20 p.m. local time on the first Monday in December of each even-numbered  
21 year for a period not exceeding six calendar days to elect officers,  
22 select chairmen and members of standing committees, consider and act on  
23 other matters relating to organization, participate in orientation  
24 programs, and then recess until 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday in  
25 January. The rules committees may meet separately or jointly during or  
26 immediately after the six-day period to review and make preliminary or  
27 final decisions on member and committee space and staff requests and  
28 take other administrative action consistent with law, rule and the  
29 legislative budget. The introduction of bills and the formal receipt of

1 the annual report of the governor and reports from agencies will be in  
2 order upon the reconvening of the session in January. The days of the  
3 organizing period are considered days in session for the purpose of  
4 paying members the per diem authorized by law.

5 (c) The second regular session convenes at the capital at 10:00  
6 a.m. on the second Monday in January in the odd-numbered year unless the  
7 legislature approves a different date by the adoption of a concurrent  
8 resolution by a vote of the majority of the members of each house during  
9 the preceding regular or special session.

10 \* Sec. 3. AS 37.07.060(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The governor shall present the proposed comprehensive program  
12 and financial plan in a message to a joint session of the legislature  
13 before the fourth legislative day following the convening or reconvening  
14 of the legislature in regular session in January of each year. A  
15 governor presenting the budget for the first time after his first elec-  
16 tion will present his message before the 10th day of the reconvened  
17 regular session. The message shall be accompanied by an explanatory  
18 report which summarizes recommended goals, plans, and appropriations.  
19 The report shall contain

20 (1) the coordinated program goals and objectives which the  
21 governor recommends to guide the decisions on the proposed program plans  
22 and budget appropriations;

23 (2) his program and budget recommendations for the succeeding  
24 fiscal year;

25 (3) a summary of state receipts in the last fiscal year, a  
26 revised estimate for the current fiscal year, and an estimate for the  
27 succeeding fiscal year;

28 (4) a summary of expenditures during the last fiscal year,  
29 those authorized for the current fiscal year, and those recommended by

1 the governor for the succeeding fiscal year; and

2 (5) any additional information which will facilitate under-  
3 standing of the governor's proposed program and financial plan by the  
4 legislature and the public.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 Sec. 24.30.065. TIME LIMIT FOR REQUESTING AND INTRODUCING BILLS.

7 (a) The following time limits govern submission of requests for and the  
8 introduction of bills in the regular session of the legislature unless  
9 by concurrent resolution an earlier or later date is adopted by an  
10 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house:

11 (1) Personal requests for research and for drafting of bills  
12 may be submitted no later than seven calendar days before the deadline  
13 for introduction of personal bills.

14 (2) No personal bills may be introduced in either house after  
15 the 50th day of the first regular session.

16 (3) No personal bill may be introduced after the 40th day of  
17 the second regular session.

18 (4) The governor shall have his legislative program intro-  
19 duced through either rules committee as authorized by AS 24.30.060(b) no  
20 later than the 50th day of either regular session unless by a letter to  
21 the presiding officers he asserts that the introduction of a bill is a  
22 matter of urgency which was not contemplated when he submitted his  
23 program.

24 (b) Bills introduced after the personal bill deadline by a stand-  
25 ing, special or interim committee "By Request" may be introduced only if  
26 accompanied by a signed statement from the chairman that a majority of  
27 the membership approves the introduction "By Request".

28 (c) After the personal bill deadline, the legislative research and  
29 legal staffs will give priority attention to the needs of committees for

1 information, analysis, amendments, opinions and substitute bills. This  
2 work will take precedence over any personal requests for resolutions and  
3 other services.  
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