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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 744

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the location of legislative ses-  
7 sions and of the state capital; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. The legislature recognizes the desire of the people of the  
11 state to have close contact with their elected representatives. The legisla-  
12 ture also recognizes that the great distances separating the major population  
13 centers of the state make it difficult for many people to communicate and  
14 interact with the members of the legislature. In this Act, the legislature  
15 establishes a method of providing greater exposure of the legislative process  
16 and closer contact between legislators and the majority of the people of the  
17 state.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.05.090 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 24.05.090. REGULAR SESSIONS. The legislature shall convene  
20 [AT THE CAPITAL] each year on the second Monday in January at 10:00 a.m.  
21 prevailing local time [PACIFIC STANDARD TIME]; however, following a  
22 gubernatorial election year the legislature shall convene on the third  
23 Monday in January at 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time [PACIFIC STANDARD  
24 TIME]. The legislature shall meet in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau  
25 in rotation, with the Twelfth Legislature and every third legislature  
26 thereafter meeting in Fairbanks, the Thirteenth Legislature and every  
27 third legislature thereafter meeting in Anchorage, and the Fourteenth  
28 Legislature and every third legislature thereafter meeting in Juneau.  
29 Except as provided in this section, each legislature shall have a dura-

1 tion of two years and shall consist of a "First Regular Session" which  
2 shall meet in the odd-numbered years and a "Second Regular Session"  
3 which shall meet in the even-numbered years and any special session or  
4 sessions which the governor or legislature may find necessary to call.

5 \* Sec. 3. AS 24.05.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (b) Special sessions shall be held at the location where regular  
7 sessions of the legislature which is called into special session are  
8 held.

9 \* Sec. 4. AS 24.05.190(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The state capitol, with the exception of the capitol space now  
11 occupied by the Office of the Governor, and space occupied in any other  
12 state building by the legislature or its agencies is under the control  
13 of and subject to assignment by the Legislative Affairs Agency as  
14 directed by the legislature. The Legislative Affairs Agency is respon-  
15 sible for the equitable allocation of parking spaces at the capitol or  
16 at other state buildings occupied by the legislature or its agencies  
17 according to the needs of the legislature and other agencies occupying  
18 capitol offices or other state buildings.

19 \* Sec. 5. AS 24.15.050 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 24.15.050. TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE. Each member of the  
21 legislature is entitled to receive one round-trip transportation fare  
22 not to exceed the cost of first-class airline fare from his place of  
23 residence in the election district from which elected or appointed to  
24 attend [THE CAPITAL FOR PURPOSES OF ATTENDING] regular, reconvened  
25 regular, or special sessions of the legislature. Each member receiving  
26 transportation fare is entitled to an allowance not to exceed the cost  
27 of 200 pounds of air freight each way upon submission of proper documen-  
28 tation to substantiate the baggage shipment.

29 \* Sec. 6. AS 44.06.100 - 44.06.190, 44.06.200 - 44.06.260; and AS 44.07.-

1 010 - 44.07.360 are repealed.

2 \* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.  
3 070(c).

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