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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 972

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 legislative procedures; and provid-
7 ing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 27. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROCEDURE.

11 Sec. 24.27.010. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE. (a) Each committee of the
12 legislature shall prepare minutes of each meeting of the committee on a
13 standard form prescribed by the legislative council. Committee minutes
14 that reflect action on legislation are part of the legislative history
15 of the legislation. The minutes of a committee meeting shall include

16 (1) a statement of the members present at the committee
17 meeting, including a list of the members present at the opening of the
18 meeting, the arrival or departure of a member during a meeting, and the
19 time of the arrival or departure;

20 (2) a list of the name and, if applicable, the affiliation of
21 each witness appearing before the committee;

22 (3) a summary of the testimony of each witness appearing
23 before the committee;

24 (4) a description of any proposed amendments presented by a
25 witness appearing before the committee; and

26 (5) each amendment to a bill considered by the committee, the
27 name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, and the roll call
28 vote on adoption of each proposed amendment.

29 (b) The vote on adoption of each amendment considered by the

1 committee shall be by roll call vote and the "aye's" and "no's" shall be
2 recorded in the minutes.

3 (c) Each committee shall record its meetings by a method pre-
4 scribed by the legislative council. The recording shall be in a manner
5 which allows for preparation of a verbatim transcript of the meeting. A
6 log of the recording adequate to locate specific testimony shall be
7 maintained by the committee and shall be published as a supplement to
8 the minutes of the meeting.

9 (d) Each committee shall file all minutes and all written material
10 submitted to the committee in the manner prescribed by the legislative
11 council. All written material submitted to the committee shall indicate
12 the name of the person submitting the material and the date of its
13 submission.

14 (e) Testimony at committee meetings shall be taken under oath or
15 affirmation.

16 (f) In this section "committee" includes a standing, special or
17 interim committee of the legislature or of a house of the legislature
18 and all subcommittees of standing, special or interim committees of the
19 legislature.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 24.25.060 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 24.25.060. OATH AND PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF OATH. The
22 president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives and
23 the chairman of every committee of either body shall [MAY] administer an
24 oath to a witness appearing before the respective bodies. A person who
25 wilfully swears or affirms falsely concerning any matter material to the
26 subject under investigation or inquiry is guilty of perjury and upon
27 conviction is punishable by imprisonment for not less than one year nor
28 more than five years.

29 * Sec. 3. The legislative council shall prepare the forms and rules

1 required by AS 24.27 enacted in sec. 1 of this Act before the First Session
2 of the Twelfth Legislature convenes.

3 * Sec. 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect January 12, 1981.

4 * Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance
5 with AS 01.10.070(c).

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