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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL (for the Interim Com-  
mittee on the Constitutional  
Convention)

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Establishing as a joint committee of  
6 the Eleventh Legislature a committee  
7 of the house of representatives and  
8 senate concerned with the organiza-  
9 tion and procedures of a state con-  
10 stitutional convention.

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

12 WHEREAS the First Session of the Eleventh Legislature appropriated money  
13 for the work of an interim committee established to examine the organization  
14 and procedures of the Constitutional Convention of 1955-1956, matters re-  
15 lating to implementing a call for a constitutional convention, and issues  
16 which could arise at a constitutional convention, with the purpose of pre-  
17 paring guidelines and recommendations for conducting a future state consti-  
18 tutional convention; and

19 WHEREAS that committee, operating as a joint committee with membership  
20 from the house of representatives and senate, and with the assistance of  
21 members of the judicial and executive branches, has not found it possible to  
22 complete its work before the deadline for submission of reports due from all  
23 interim committees; and

24 WHEREAS within the next three years the voters of Alaska will be asked  
25 to vote again on the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?",  
26 making the work of the interim committee on the constitutional convention  
27 timely and invaluable; and

28 WHEREAS, while provision is made by statute (AS 24.05.180) for the use  
29 of joint committees "to facilitate and expedite business" and by legislative

1 rule (Rule 21) for the designation of special committees, there is no guid-  
2 ance in statute or rule by which to establish a joint committee as a commit-  
3 tee having authority to act while the legislature is in session and when it  
4 is not; and

5 WHEREAS, consistent with the precedent of a concurrent resolution es-  
6 tablishing a joint committee as an interim committee to review and prepare  
7 coastal management legislation, the legislature may properly establish the  
8 responsibilities of a joint committee by means of a concurrent resolution;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that three members of the  
10 senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and three members of the  
11 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of represen-  
12 tatives, compose a joint committee of the Eleventh Legislature to examine  
13 matters pertaining to the organization and conduct of constitutional con-  
14 ventions in Alaska; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee has authority both as a  
16 special committee and an interim committee of the Eleventh Legislature; and  
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18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the work of the joint committee be undertaken with  
19 the full voting participation of a judge or justice of the Alaska court  
20 system appointed by the chief justice of the Alaska supreme court, the lieu-  
21 tenant governor, and by a person appointed by the governor; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee be dissolved January 12, 1981,  
23 and that its final report be submitted to the First Session of the Twelfth  
24 Legislature not later than January 15, 1981.

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