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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 155

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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. Preparation of the minutes of a committee meeting
16 is the responsibility of the chairman of the committee. The minutes of
17 a committee meeting shall include

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

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

24 (3) a summary of the testimony of each witness appearing
25 before the committee, including a summary of the position of the witness
26 on the subject before the committee;

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

29 (5) each amendment to a bill considered by the committee, the

1 name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, and the roll call
2 vote on adoption of each proposed amendment.

3 (b) The vote on adoption of each amendment considered by the
4 committee shall be by roll call vote and the "aye's" and "no's" shall be
5 recorded in the minutes.

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

12 (d) Each committee shall file all minutes and all written material
13 submitted to the committee in the manner prescribed by the legislative
14 council. All written material submitted to the committee shall indicate
15 the name of the person submitting the material and the date of its
16 submission. Committee minutes, tapes and other materials of research
17 value shall be delivered by the committee (at the end of each legisla-
18 ture) to the legislative reference library for appropriate disposition.

19 (e) The chairman of a committee shall maintain a chronological
20 file of minutes which is readily accessible to committee members and the
21 public. Minutes may be corrected or amended by majority vote of the
22 committee, regardless of the time which has elapsed since the action
23 reflected in the minutes.

24 (f) Testimony at committee meetings shall be taken under oath or
25 affirmation. The oath may be administered by the chairman of the com-
26 mittee or by a written statement signed by the witness attesting that
27 his testimony is under oath.

28 (g) In this section "committee" includes a standing, special or
29 interim committee of the legislature or of a house of the legislature

1 and all subcommittees of standing, special or interim committees of the
2 legislature.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 24.20.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (9) to prepare the forms and rules required by AS 24.25.060
5 and AS 24.27.010.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 24.25.060 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 24.25.060. OATH AND PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF OATH. The
8 president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives and
9 the chairman of every committee of either body shall [MAY] administer an
10 oath to a witness appearing before the respective bodies. A person who
11 makes a false sworn statement which he does not believe to be true [WIL-
12 FULLY SWEARS OR AFFIRMS FALSELY] concerning any matter material to the
13 subject under investigation or inquiry commits the crime [IS GUILTY] of
14 perjury under AS 11.56.200 [AND UPON CONVICTION IS PUNISHABLE BY IM-
15 PRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR NOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS].

16 * Sec. 4. The legislative council shall prepare the forms and rules
17 required by AS 24.27 enacted in sec. 1 of this Act and AS 24.25.060 enacted
18 in sec. 3 of this Act before the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature
19 convenes.

20 * Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect January 11, 1982.

21 * Sec. 6. Sections 2 and 4 - 6 of this Act take effect immediately in ac-
22 cordance with AS 01.10.070(c).
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