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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the uniform
6 rules; and providing for an effective
7 date.

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

9 * Section 1. Rule 24(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
10 ture is amended to read:

11 (a) A committee may act on any bill, resolution, or other legisla-
12 tive matter [ACTS ON ALL BILLS] referred to it. When the committee has
13 acted, it shall report [AND REPORTS] its actions and recommendations to
14 the house as soon as practicable. A committee report [COMMITTEE RE-
15 PORTS] must be in writing and the report must be signed by a majority of
16 the full membership [MEMBERS] of the committee. The report shall [WILL]
17 note the recommendation of each member signing the report. The report
18 may recommend that the house adopt a letter of intent proposed by the
19 committee. A letter of intent may be adopted only in third reading
20 before adoption of the measure by a majority vote of the full membership
21 of the house. The vote on adoption of a letter of intent shall be taken
22 by calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the
23 journal. A letter of intent may be amended at any time before it is
24 adopted.

25 * Sec. 2. Rule 34(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
26 is amended to read:

27 (b) Abstention. Every member present in the house shall vote
28 unless the house for special reasons permits a member to abstain. All
29 motions excusing a member from voting shall be made before the house

1 votes [DIVIDES] or before the call for the yeas and nays is commenced.
2 A member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief oral
3 statement of the reasons for the request and the question of granting
4 permission to abstain shall be taken without further debate. A member
5 may not explain a vote, may not discuss the question while the yeas and
6 nays are being called, and may not change a vote after the roll call
7 result has been announced. When the house votes on [UPON DIVISION AND
8 COUNT OF THE HOUSE OF] any question, a member who is not within the
9 chamber may not be counted. A member may not be permitted to abstain
10 except upon the unanimous consent of the membership.

11 * Sec. 3. Rule 49(a)(5) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
12 ture is amended to read:

13 (5) A joint resolution is the most formal type of resolution
14 and is adopted by both houses and then signed by the governor as a
15 ministerial formality. The joint resolution is treated in all respects
16 as a bill but it is not subject to veto. It is usually reserved for
17 addressees outside the state. This resolution is used mainly to express
18 the view or wish of the legislature to the President, the Congress or
19 agencies of the United States Government or the governments of other
20 states. It is required for proposing or ratifying amendments to the
21 U.S. Constitution, proposing amendments to the State Constitution under
22 provisions of Sec. 1, Art. XIII, of the State Constitution, and for
23 disapproval of local government boundary changes recommended by the
24 Local Boundary Commission under provisions of Sec. 12, Art. X, of the
25 State Constitution. Approval of a joint resolution that proposes
26 an amendment to the State Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of
27 the full membership of each house. Approval of a joint resolution
28 other than a resolution that proposes an amendment to the State Consti-
29 tution requires a majority vote of the full membership of each house.

1 * Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect on
2 adjournment of the First Session of the Twelfth Alaska Legislature.
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