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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the uniform  
6 rules to limit amendment of bill  
7 title.

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

9 \* Section 1. Rule 23(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
10 ture is amended to read:

11 (c) If a committee has more than one bill on the same subject or  
12 if it finds it necessary to revise a bill substantially, it may report  
13 out a substitute bill and recommend that the substitute be accepted for  
14 second reading in the place of the original bill. When a committee in  
15 the house of origin of a bill reports a committee substitute for a  
16 bill or an amendment to a bill that requires a change in the title of  
17 the bill, the bill may not be advanced to third reading until the  
18 prime sponsor of the bill agrees to the change in the title of the  
19 bill. The concurrence of the prime sponsor shall be noted in the  
20 journal. A committee of the second house may not report out a com-  
21 mittee substitute for bill or an amendment to a bill that requires a  
22 change in the title of the bill as adopted in the house of origin.

23 Substitute bills are duplicated and distributed when they are reported  
24 out by the committee. Committee substitute bills carry a notation of  
25 the source or sponsor of the original bill in the manner prescribed by  
26 the drafting manual unless the sponsor objects to his or their name so  
27 appearing.

28 \* Sec. 2. Rule 34 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
29 is amended to read:

1           RULE 34. AMENDMENT. No motion or proposition on a subject shall  
2 be admitted under color of amendment if the subject matter is different  
3 from that under consideration. A motion or proposition for an amend-  
4 ment that requires a change in the title of a bill is in order in the  
5 house of origin only if the prime sponsor of the bill concurs in the  
6 motion or proposition. A motion or proposition on a subject that  
7 requires a change in the title of the bill as enacted in the house of  
8 origin is not in order in the second house. No amendment may be con-  
9 sidered by the house unless submitted in writing and read aloud by the  
10 clerk or secretary. Amendments offered by a committee shall be included  
11 in its written report and attached to the original bill. A bill in  
12 second reading is subject to amendment and is treated section by sec-  
13 tion. No amendment may be made to a bill in its third reading but the  
14 bill may be returned to second reading by a majority of the membership  
15 of the house for the purpose of specific amendment. Except as pro-  
16 vided in this rule, a [A] title may be amended or a change of sponsor  
17 made in third reading or after passage by majority vote, but same must  
18 be accomplished before the measure acted upon has been enrolled. When  
19 amendments to the body of a bill affect the numbering of sections, or  
20 passage or failure of the effective date clause affects the title, the  
21 clerk or secretary may accomplish the necessary changes without formal  
22 motion, and such changes shall be noted in the journal. Resolutions  
23 may be amended in the same manner as a bill.

24 \* Sec. 3. Rule 40 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
25 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26           (b) An amendment to a bill introduced in the other house is not  
27 in order if the amendment requires a change of the bill title. The  
28 title of a bill may not be changed except in the house of origin with  
29 the concurrence of the prime sponsor or by report of a standing com-

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mittee in the house of origin.

\* Sec. 4. Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A Committee on Free Conference or a Committee on Conference with powers of free conference may not report out a bill which would require a change in the bill title or an amendment which would require a change of bill title except with the concurrence of the prime sponsor of the bill. The concurrence of the prime sponsor shall be noted in the journal.