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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 333

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing earlier organization of the legis-
7 lature."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 24.05.080 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 24.05.080. TERMS. The term of each member of the legis-
11 lature begins on the first [SECOND] Monday in December of the year in
12 which the member is elected [JANUARY FOLLOWING A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
13 YEAR; HOWEVER, FOLLOWING A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEAR, THE TERM OF
14 EACH MEMBER BEGINS ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY]. The term of repre-
15 sentatives is two years, and the term of senators is four years.
16 One-half of the senators shall be elected every two years.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 24.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 24.05.082. ORGANIZATION. Those newly elected members of the
19 legislature whose election has been certified by the lieutenant governor
20 shall meet with incumbent members of the senate at the capitol on the
21 first Monday in December after a general election. At this meeting the
22 lieutenant governor shall administer the oath of office to the newly
23 elected members and shall conduct the election of temporary presiding
24 officers of each house of the legislature. The temporary presiding
25 officer presides over the house until the election of the permanent
26 presiding officer.
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