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Referred: Judiciary and Finance

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (for  
the Interim Committee on the  
Constitutional Convention of the  
Eleventh Legislature)

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, during 1982, the voters of Alaska will be asked to vote again  
19 on the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?", making the  
20 work of the interim committee on the constitutional convention timely and  
21 invaluable; and

22 WHEREAS the legislative committee, operating as a joint committee with  
23 membership from the house of representatives and senate, has unanimously  
24 voted that the work of the committee should continue until the voters have  
25 an opportunity to vote, during 1982, on whether a constitutional convention  
26 shall be held; and

27 WHEREAS, while provision is made by statute (AS 24.05.180) for the use  
28 of joint committees "to facilitate and expedite business" and by legislative  
29 rule (Rule 21) for the designation of special committees, there is no

1 guidance in statute or rule by which to establish a joint committee as a  
2 committee having authority to act while the legislature is in session and  
3 when it is not; and

4 WHEREAS, consistent with the precedent of a concurrent resolution  
5 establishing a joint committee as an interim committee to review and prepare  
6 coastal management legislation and the precedent of a concurrent resolution  
7 establishing a joint committee as an interim committee of the Eleventh  
8 Legislature to examine and report on the organization and procedures of a  
9 state constitutional convention, the legislature may properly establish the  
10 responsibilities of a joint committee by means of a concurrent resolution;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that three members of  
12 the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and three members of  
13 the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
14 representatives, comprise a joint committee of the Twelfth Legislature to  
15 examine matters pertaining to the organization and conduct of constitutional  
16 conventions in Alaska; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee has authority both as a  
18 special committee and an interim committee of the Twelfth Legislature; and  
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20 FURTHER RESOLVED that the work of the joint committee be undertaken  
21 with the full voting participation of a judge or justice of the Alaska court  
22 system appointed by the chief justice of the Alaska supreme court, the  
23 lieutenant governor, and by a person appointed by the governor; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee be dissolved November 30,  
25 1982, and that its final report be submitted to the First Session of the  
26 Thirteenth Legislature not later than January 25, 1983.

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