

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.20

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. A committee substi-
15 tute that contains a change in the bill title or an amendment to a bill
16 reported by a committee that requires a change in the bill title (other
17 than a clerical or technical change) requires an affirmative vote of
18 two-thirds of the house. A committee of the second house may not report
19 out a committee substitute for a bill or an amendment to a bill that
20 requires a change in the title of the bill (other than a clerical or
21 technical change) as adopted in the house of origin. Substitute bills
22 are duplicated and distributed when they are reported out by the commit-
23 tee. Committee substitute bills carry a notation of the source or
24 sponsor of the original bill in the manner prescribed by the drafting
25 manual unless the sponsor objects to his or their name so appearing.

26 * Sec. 2. Rule 34 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
27 is amended to read:

28 RULE 34. AMENDMENT. No motion or proposition on a subject shall
29 be admitted under color of amendment if the subject matter is different

1 from that under consideration. A motion or proposition for an amend-
2 ment that requires a change in the title of a bill (other than a
3 clerical or technical change) requires an affirmative vote of two-
4 thirds of the house. A motion or proposition on a subject that re-
5 quires a change in the title of the bill as enacted in the house of
6 origin other than a clerical or technical change is not in order in
7 the second house. No amendment may be considered by the house unless
8 submitted in writing and read aloud by the clerk or secretary. Amend-
9 ments offered by a committee shall be included in its written report
10 and attached to the original bill. A bill in second reading is subject
11 to amendment and is treated section by section. No amendment may be
12 made to a bill in its third reading but the bill may be returned to
13 second reading by a majority of the membership of the house for the
14 purpose of specific amendment. Except as provided in this rule, a [A]
15 title may be amended or a change of sponsor made in third reading or
16 after passage by majority vote, but same must be accomplished before
17 the measure acted upon has been enrolled. When amendments to the body
18 of a bill affect the numbering of sections, or passage or failure of
19 the effective date clause affects the title, the clerk or secretary may
20 accomplish the necessary changes without formal motion, and such changes
21 shall be noted in the journal. Resolutions may be amended in the same
22 manner as a bill.

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

25 (b) An amendment to a bill introduced in the other house is not
26 in order if the amendment requires a change of the bill title other
27 than a clerical or technical change. The title of a bill may not be
28 changed other than by a clerical or technical change except by an
29 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the house of origin.

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

3 (c) The report of a Committee on Conference with powers of free
4 conference or a Committee on Free Conference that requires a change in
5 the title of a bill other than clerical or technical changes requires
6 an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the house of origin.

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