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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the Uniform
6 Rules relating to removal of a presid-
7 ing officer and reorganization of a
8 house of the legislature.

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

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

12 (b) When the house by a majority vote of the full membership of
13 the house selects a temporary presiding officer, the temporary presiding
14 officer assumes the chair and the lieutenant governor withdraws. The
15 temporary presiding officer then calls for nominations for a permanent
16 presiding officer and the nominee receiving a majority vote of the full
17 membership of the house becomes the permanent presiding officer [FOR THE
18 TWO-YEAR DURATION] of the legislature. If a permanent presiding officer
19 is not elected by the seventh legislative day, on the eighth legislative
20 day the temporary presiding officer shall call for nominations for a
21 permanent presiding officer from the floor. A roll call vote shall be
22 taken on the persons nominated. Election of a permanent presiding
23 officer requires a majority vote of the full membership of the house.

24 * Sec. 2. Rule 1(e) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
25 is amended to read:

26 (e) The presiding officer shall announce, not later than the day
27 following election, the appointment of a Committee on Committees consist-
28 ing of five members including the presiding officer. The presiding
29 officer chairs the Committee on Committees. The committee is responsible

1 for nominating the members of the standing committees as set out in
2 Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each standing committee [TO SERVE
3 FOR THE TWO-YEAR DURATION] of the legislature. The membership of each
4 committee shall total to an uneven number and the minority is entitled
5 to at least one seat on each standing committee. The report of the
6 Committee on Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the
7 full membership of the house.

8 * Sec. 3. Rule 1 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is
9 amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (f) A member may give notice of a motion to remove the presiding
11 officer to be taken up the next legislative day. When notice of a
12 motion to remove the presiding officer has been given, any member may
13 move on the next legislative day for removal of the presiding officer.
14 Removal of the presiding officer requires a majority vote of the full
15 membership of the house. The time for removal of the presiding officer
16 expires at adjournment on the next legislative day after notice is given
17 unless the members agree by a majority vote of the members present to
18 extend the time to another time certain. The motion to remove the
19 presiding officer may be reconsidered. Removal of the presiding officer
20 takes effect at the end of the legislative day on which the motion was
21 adopted if notice of reconsideration is not given or, if notice of
22 reconsideration is given, at the end of the legislative day on which the
23 motion for reconsideration failed to be adopted, the motion for removal
24 was adopted after reconsideration, or the time for reconsideration
25 expired.

26 (g) If a presiding officer is removed, a successor presiding
27 officer shall be elected under the procedures established in (a) and (b)
28 of this rule.

29 (h) A successor presiding officer shall announce, not later than

1 the day following election as presiding officer, the appointment of a
2 Committee on Committees consisting of five members including the presid-
3 ing officer. The presiding officer chairs the Committee on Committees.
4 The committee is responsible for nominating the members of the standing
5 committees as set out in Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each
6 standing committee of the legislature. The membership of each committee
7 shall total to an uneven number and the minority is entitled to at least
8 one seat on each standing committee. The report of the Committee on
9 Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the full member-
10 ship of the house.

11 * Sec. 4. Rule 2 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is
12 amended to read:

13 RULE 2. ORGANIZATION OF SECOND SESSION. The presiding officer of
14 each house at adjournment of [DURING] the first regular session presides
15 during the second regular session or any special session and administers
16 the oath to any new members. The presiding officer may be removed as
17 provided in Rule 1.
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