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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 448

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use by the legislature of
7 space within the state office building in Anchorage
8 and to the location of legislative sessions; and
9 providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to relocate the
12 legislature and the legislative process to Anchorage and thereby provide
13 the vast majority of Alaskan people with access to the legislature. The
14 relocation of the legislature will facilitate and encourage greater public
15 participation in the legislative process and thereby achieve a truly
16 representative government as mandated by the Alaskan constitution.

17 * Sec. 2. The commissioner of transportation and public facilities is
18 directed to allocate approximately 175,000 square feet within the state
19 office building constructed in Anchorage for the use by the legislature as
20 a meeting hall and for office and support space. The commissioner of
21 transportation and public facilities is directed to design the space
22 allocated to the legislature so that it may be used by other agencies of
23 the state when the space is not required for legislative use. The
24 legislature intends that space used by it and facilities established for
25 its use be shared with other agencies of the state to the maximum extent
26 possible and not allocated exclusively to the legislature.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 24.05.090 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 24.05.090. REGULAR SESSIONS. The legislature shall convene
29 at the state office building in Anchorage [CAPITAL] each year on the

1 second Monday in January at 10:00 a.m. [PACIFIC STANDARD TIME]; how-
2 ever, following a gubernatorial election year the legislature shall
3 convene on the third Monday in January at 10:00 a.m. [PACIFIC STANDARD
4 TIME]. Except as provided in this section, each legislature shall
5 have a duration of two years and shall consist of a "First Regular
6 Session" which shall meet in the odd-numbered years and a "Second
7 Regular Session" which shall meet in the even-numbered years and any
8 special session or sessions which the governor or legislature may find
9 necessary to call.

10 * Sec. 4. AS 44.06.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (b) The legislature shall convene at the state office building
12 in Anchorage.

13 * Sec. 5. Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance
14 with AS 01.10.070(c).

15 * Sec. 6. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act take effect January 1, 1987.