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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 448 (State Affairs)  
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 complex 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 administration is directed to allocate  
18 approximately 90,000 square feet within the state office complex  
19 constructed in Anchorage for the use by the legislature as a meeting hall  
20 and for office and support space. The commissioner of administration is  
21 directed to design the space allocated to the legislature so that it may be  
22 used by other agencies of the state when the space is not required for  
23 legislative use. The legislature intends that space used by it and  
24 facilities established for its use be shared with other agencies of the  
25 state to the maximum extent possible and not allocated exclusively to the  
26 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 complex 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 complex in  
12 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.