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1 IN THE HOUSE BY FULLER

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to the uniform
6 rules concerning committee meetings and
7 sponsor substitutes; and providing for
8 an effective date.

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

10 * Section 1. Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
11 ture is amended to read:

12 RULE 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Written notice of the time,
13 place and subject matter of all meetings of standing, special, and
14 joint committees during a week shall be provided by the person who
15 chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 3:00 [4:00]
16 p.m. on the preceding Thursday. The person who chairs the committee
17 to which a bill or resolution is first referred shall provide to the
18 chief clerk or secretary written notice of the time and place of the
19 first public hearing on the bill or resolution at least 72 hours [FIVE
20 DAYS] before the hearing. However, these requirements [THIS REQUIRE-
21 MENT] may be waived by motion of the person who chairs the committee
22 [TO WHICH A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS FIRST REFERRED] if concurred in by
23 majority vote of the full membership of the house. The chief clerk or
24 secretary shall publish and distribute copies of the weekly schedule
25 of committee meetings [AND OF THE FIVE-DAY NOTICE OF HEARING].

26 (b) If the time or place of a committee meeting is changed from
27 that shown in the weekly schedule of committee meetings, the [THE]
28 person who chairs a standing, special, or joint committee shall notify
29 the house of which the person is a member, either orally from the

floor or by providing [PROVIDE] the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the change [IN THE TIME, PLACE OR SUBJECT MATTER OF A MEETING]. Written [AT THE NEXT DAILY LEGISLATIVE SESSION,] notice of the schedule change shall be given to [ANNOUNCED BY] the chief clerk or secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting and published as a notice in the journal of the house.

(c) A scheduled meeting of a standing, special, or joint committee may be postponed or cancelled and consideration of the scheduled subject matter may be postponed or cancelled at any time. If possible, notice of the postponement or cancellation shall be given in the same manner as provided for notice of change in (b) of this rule.

[(d) THE PROVISIONS OF (a) AND (b) OF THIS RULE DO NOT APPLY TO A STANDING, SPECIAL, OR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED AFTER THE DATE A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO OR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VERSIONS OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT. HOWEVER, A PERSON WHO CHAIRS A STANDING, SPECIAL, OR JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL POST WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE TIME, PLACE AND SUBJECT MATTER OF A MEETING AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING.]

(e) The provisions of (a) - (c) [(d)] of this rule do not apply to meetings of

(1) the Rules Committee when it meets for the purpose of preparing the daily calendar;

(2) the Committee on Committees referred to in Rule 1(e); or

(3) standing, special, or joint committees when the committee meets during the interim between sessions or during a special session.

(f) Each standing, special, and joint committee

(1) shall record its meetings electronically and prepare a

1 log of the recording adequate to locate specific testimony;
2 (2) shall prepare minutes of each meeting of the committee
3 on a standard form prescribed jointly by the Rules Committees of the
4 house and the senate; the minutes shall include
5 (A) a list of the names of each member present during
6 the meeting;
7 (B) a list of the name and affiliation of each witness
8 testifying before the committee;
9 (C) a brief statement of the position of the witness
10 on the subject testified upon; and
11 (D) each amendment formally considered by the commit-
12 tee, the name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, the
13 action taken on the amendment, and the yeas and nays if a commit-
14 tee member has requested a roll call vote on adoption of an
15 amendment;
16 (3) shall maintain a chronological file of minutes, copies
17 of which shall be made available upon request to committee members and
18 the public; committee minutes, tapes and other materials of research
19 value shall be delivered by the committee at the end of each session
20 or each legislature to the legislative reference library for appro-
21 priate disposition;
22 (4) shall [MAY] make available to the Legislative Affairs
23 Agency a copy of all minutes of committee meetings during the session
24 for entry of the minutes as a data base on the legislative computer
25 system.
26 * Sec. 2. Rule 37 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
27 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
28 (c) A member who has introduced a bill or resolution or, if the
29 bill or resolution was sponsored by more than one member, the member

whose name first appears in the list of sponsors, may introduce a sponsor substitute for the bill or resolution at any time before the bill or resolution is reported from the first committee of reference. The effect of introduction of a sponsor substitute is to withdraw the original bill or resolution. The introduction does not require consent of the membership of the house. A sponsor substitute may not be introduced if the subject matter is different from that of the original bill.

* Sec. 3. This resolution takes effect immediately.