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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 (Rules)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 Establishing a Joint Special Committee  
6 on Legislative Reform.  
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
8 WHEREAS the rules, customs, protocol, decorum and statutes governing  
9 the work of the Legislature are of great importance to the people of Alaska  
10 and the Legislature; and  
11 WHEREAS broad public confidence in legislative practices can help  
12 assure respect for the rule of law itself; and  
13 WHEREAS there has already occurred a significant and widespread public  
14 dialogue regarding legislative procedure, reflecting the desire of Alaskans  
15 to further encourage confidence in the legislative process and to stream-  
16 line expenditures and time spent in the legislative process, consistent  
17 with the need for adequate consideration of public policy issues before the  
18 Legislature, with provision for public participation; and  
19 WHEREAS, while the Legislature has from time to time modified its  
20 procedures, a comprehensive review of legislative procedures and practices  
21 with public involvement is needed; and  
22 WHEREAS the work of the Legislature takes place in a constantly chang-  
23 ing technological and demographic context, which further warrants a review  
24 of legislative procedures;  
25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Special  
26 Committee on Legislative Reform is established consisting of three members  
27 of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and three members of  
28 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House to  
29 analyze and review existing procedures, rules, customs, protocol, decorum,

1 court decisions, statutes, and practices, and to report its findings to the  
2 Legislature concerning their adequacy and fitness, and to recommend such  
3 changes or modifications, which in the judgment of the committee will  
4 promote legislative responsiveness and accountability to the people and  
5 encourage efficiency in the legislative branch of government; and be it

6       FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee, when constituted, be directed to  
7 take appropriate steps consistent with existing rules to involve represen-  
8 tative elements of the public in its deliberations; and be it

9       FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to meet during the  
10 session of the Legislature and is terminated on February 1, 1984 or upon  
11 the submission of its final report, whichever comes first.