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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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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, budget procedures, rules, customs,

1 protocol, decorum, court decisions, statutes, and practices, and to report
2 its findings to the Legislature concerning their adequacy and fitness, and
3 to recommend such changes or modifications, which in the judgment of the
4 committee will promote legislative responsiveness and accountability to the
5 people and encourage efficiency in the legislative branch of government;
6 and be it
7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee, when constituted, be directed to
8 take appropriate steps consistent with existing rules to involve represen-
9 tative elements of the public in its deliberations; and be it
10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be directed to report its findings
11 and recommendations concerning conflict of interest and ethics legislation
12 to the full Legislature by April 1, 1983; and be it
13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be directed to submit its final
14 report to the full Legislature and shall terminate on April 15, 1983 or
15 upon the submission of its final report, whichever comes first.