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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE REFORM

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing the addition of a preamble

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relating to ethics to the Uniform Rules

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of the Alaska State Legislature.

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

9 \* Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are  
10 amended by adding a preamble to read:

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P R E A M B L E

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Part 1. CONDUCT OF A LEGISLATOR. (a) A member of the legislature  
13 shall at all times engage in conduct that reflects creditably on the legis-  
14 lature.

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(b) A member of the legislature shall adhere to the spirit and  
16 the letter of these rules and to other rules and law that govern legisla-  
17 tive or official conduct.

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Part 2. GENERAL PRECEPTS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. A person in the legis-  
19 lative branch should

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(1) put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country  
21 above loyalty to persons or party;

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(2) uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and of  
23 the State of Alaska and never be a party to their evasion;

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(3) seek to find and employ more efficient and economical ways  
25 of getting tasks accomplished;

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(4) not discriminate unfairly by the dispensation of special  
27 favors or privileges to anyone, whether or not for remuneration;

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(5) never accept, either personally or for a family member,  
29 favors or benefits under circumstances that might be construed by

1 reasonable persons as influencing the performance of official or assigned  
2 duties;

3 (6) make no private promises of a kind binding on the duties of  
4 office, since a public officer or employee has no private word that can  
5 override public duty;

6 (7) engage in no business with the state, either directly or  
7 indirectly, that is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of  
8 official or assigned duties;

9 (8) use no information coming to the public officer or employee  
10 in the performance of government duties as a means for making a private  
11 profit;

12 (9) expose corruption wherever discovered;

13 (10) uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office  
14 is a public trust.

15 Part 3. READING PREAMBLE. When a temporary presiding officer has  
16 assumed the chair under Rule 1(b) the temporary presiding officer shall  
17 have this preamble read to the members before calling for nomination of the  
18 permanent presiding officer.