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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 (Rules)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Proposing amendments to Rules 16(a),  
6 21(c), 23, 24(b), 37, 39(b) and 54 of  
7 the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State  
8 Legislature.

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

10 \* Section 1. Rule 16(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-  
11 lature is amended to read:

12 (a) A call of the house is used to compel attendance of absent  
13 members who have not been previously excused from a call by a majority  
14 vote of the full membership of the house. The journal shall reflect  
15 the names of all members excused from attendance and such members  
16 shall be excused from all roll calls during such absence. A call of  
17 the house may be ordered by one member. The [WHEN NO QUORUM IS PRE-  
18 SENT, THE] presiding officer of the house may compel the attendance of  
19 [INDIVIDUAL] absent members not excused from a call of the house.

20 \* Sec. 2. Rule 21(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
21 ture is amended to read:

22 (c) A resolution establishing a special or joint committee shall  
23 specify the budget and source of funds for the committee and the date  
24 or conditions of termination of the committee. A standing committee  
25 may meet between sessions. A special or joint committee may meet  
26 during the session or between sessions, or both, as authorized by the  
27 resolution which establishes the committee. A standing, special, or  
28 joint committee which acts between legislative sessions may consider  
29 any legislative matter which is consistent with the jurisdiction of

1 the committee. A standing, special, or joint committee which acts  
2 between legislative sessions constitutes a subcommittee of the Legis-  
3 lative Council for administrative purposes. [A SPECIAL OR JOINT  
4 COMMITTEE MAY EXPEND MONEY ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION  
5 MADE FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE].

6 \* Sec. 3. Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
7 is amended to read:

8 RULE 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Written notice of the time,  
9 place and subject matter of all meetings of standing, special, and  
10 joint committees during a week shall be provided by the person who  
11 chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. on  
12 the preceding Thursday.

13 (b) The person who chairs the committee to which a bill or  
14 resolution is first referred shall provide to the chief clerk or  
15 secretary written notice of the time and place of the first public  
16 hearing on the bill or resolution at least five days before the hear-  
17 ing.

18 (c) The notice requirements of (a) and (b) of this section  
19 [HOWEVER, THIS REQUIREMENT] may be waived by motion of the person who  
20 chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred  
21 if concurred in by majority vote of the full membership of the house.

22 (d) The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute  
23 copies of the weekly schedule of committee meetings and of the five-  
24 day notice of hearing.

25 (e) [(b)] If the time or place of a committee meeting is changed  
26 from that shown in the weekly schedule of committee meetings, the  
27 [THE] person who chairs a standing, special, or joint committee shall  
28 provide the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the change [IN  
29 THE TIME, PLACE OR SUBJECT MATTER OF A MEETING]. Written [AT THE NEXT

1 DAILY LEGISLATIVE SESSION,] notice of the schedule change shall be  
2 given to [ANNOUNCED BY] the chief clerk or secretary and published as  
3 a notice in the journal of the house.

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

9 (g) [(d)] The provisions of (a) - (e) [AND (b)] of this rule do  
10 not apply to a standing, special, or joint committee meeting scheduled  
11 after the date a conference committee has been chosen to consider  
12 amendments to or differences between versions of the general appro-  
13 priation act. However, a person who chairs a standing, special, or  
14 joint committee shall post written notice of the time, place and  
15 subject matter of a meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

16 (h) [(e)] The provisions of (a) - (g) [(d)] of this rule do not  
17 apply to meetings of

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

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

21 or

22 (3) standing, special, or joint committees when the commit-  
23 tee meets during the interim between sessions or during a special  
24 session.

25 (i) [(f)] Each standing, special, and joint committee

26 (1) shall record its meetings electronically and prepare a  
27 log of the recording adequate to locate specific testimony;

28 (2) shall prepare minutes of each meeting of the committee  
29 on a standard form prescribed jointly by the Rules Committees of the

1 house and the senate; the minutes shall include

2 (A) a list of the names of each member present during  
3 the meeting;

4 (B) a list of the name and affiliation of each witness  
5 testifying before the committee;

6 (C) a brief statement of the position of the witness  
7 on the subject testified upon; and

8 (D) each amendment formally considered by the commit-  
9 tee, the name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, the  
10 action taken on the amendment, and the yeas and nays if a com-  
11 mittee member has requested a roll call vote on adoption of an  
12 amendment;

13 (3) shall maintain a chronological file of minutes, copies  
14 of which shall be made available upon request to committee members and  
15 the public; committee minutes, tapes and other materials of research  
16 value shall be delivered by the committee at the end of each session  
17 or each legislature to the legislative reference library for appro-  
18 priate disposition;

19 (4) shall [MAY] make available to the Legislative Affairs  
20 Agency a copy of all minutes of committee meetings during the session  
21 for entry of the minutes as a data base on the legislative computer  
22 system.

23 \* Sec. 4. Rule 24(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-  
24 lature is repealed and reenacted to read:

25 (b) When a bill is reported back by the last committee of refer-  
26 ral in a house without at least one "Do Pass" by a committee member  
27 the presiding officer shall put the question "Shall the bill be re-  
28 ferred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar for second  
29 reading notwithstanding the report of the committee?" If a bill is in

1 the second house the question shall not be put unless all committee  
2 reports in either house are without at least one "Do Pass". The  
3 question is debatable and if a majority of the membership of the house  
4 votes in the negative, the bill is lost.

5 \* Sec. 5. Rule 37 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (c) A member who has introduced a bill or resolution or, if the  
8 bill or resolution was sponsored by more than one member, the member  
9 whose name first appears in the list of sponsors, with the concurrence  
10 of each of the cosponsors, may introduce a sponsor substitute for the  
11 bill or resolution at any time before the bill or resolution is re-  
12 ported from the first committee of reference. The effect of introduc-  
13 tion of a sponsor substitute is to withdraw the original bill or  
14 resolution. The introduction does not require consent of the member-  
15 ship of the house. A sponsor substitute may not be introduced if the  
16 subject matter is different from that of the original bill.

17 \* Sec. 6. Rule 39(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
18 ture is amended to read:

19 (b) First Reading. The first reading consists of a reading  
20 aloud by the clerk or secretary of the following information: the  
21 house of origin, the bill number, the sponsor, and the title of the  
22 bill, e.g., "In the House, House Bill No. ..., by ..... and ....., A  
23 bill for an Act entitled, 'An Act relating to a code of ethics for  
24 state employees.'" The bill is then referred by the presiding officer  
25 to one or more committees of the house. The house may by a majority  
26 vote of the full membership of the house refer the bill to any other  
27 standing or special committee of the house.

28 \* Sec. 7. Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature  
29 is amended to read:

1           **RULE 54. SUSPENSION OF RULES.** Unless otherwise provided for in  
2           the case of a particular rule, the Uniform Rules may be suspended by a  
3           concurrent resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the full mem-  
4           bership of each house. If either house violates a uniform rule other  
5           than a rule concerning matters relating to the organization or in-  
6           ternal administration of a house a question of order may be raised in  
7           the other house. If it is decided by the other house that the Uniform  
8           Rules have been violated, the bill involved in that violation shall be  
9           returned to its house of origin without further action.