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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 (Rules)am
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Proposing amendments to Rules 1(e),
6 16(a), 21(c), 23, 24(b), 37, 39(b), 42
7 and 54 of the Uniform Rules of the
8 Alaska State Legislature; and providing
9 for an effective date.
10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
11 * Section 1. Rule 1(e) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State
12 Legislature is amended to read:
13 (e) The presiding officer shall announce, not later than the day
14 following election, the appointment of a Committee on Committees
15 consisting of five members including the presiding officer. The
16 presiding officer chairs the Committee on Committees. The committee
17 is responsible for nominating the members of the standing committees
18 as set out in Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each standing
19 committee to serve for the two-year duration of the legislature. The
20 membership of each committee shall total to an uneven number and the
21 minority is entitled to at least one seat on each standing committee.
22 A minority is defined as a group having at least 25 percent or more of
23 the members of the house of the same political party who have
24 organized and elected a minority leader. The report of the Committee
25 on Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the full
26 membership of the house.
27 * Sec. 2. Rule 16(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-
28 lature is amended to read:
29 (a) A call of the house is used to compel attendance of absent

1 members who have not been previously excused from a call by a majority
2 vote of the full membership of the house. The journal shall reflect
3 the names of all members excused from attendance and such members
4 shall be excused from all roll calls during such absence. A call of
5 the house may be ordered by one member. The [WHEN NO QUORUM IS PRE-
6 SENT, THE] presiding officer of the house may compel the attendance of
7 [INDIVIDUAL] absent members not excused from a call of the house.

8 * Sec. 3. Rule 21(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
9 ture is amended to read:

10 (c) A resolution establishing a special or joint committee shall
11 specify the budget and source of funds for the committee and the date
12 or conditions of termination of the committee. A standing committee
13 may meet between sessions. A special or joint committee may meet
14 during the session or between sessions, or both, as authorized by the
15 resolution which establishes the committee. A standing, special, or
16 joint committee which acts between legislative sessions may consider
17 any legislative matter which is consistent with the jurisdiction of
18 the committee. A standing, special, or joint committee which acts
19 between legislative sessions constitutes a subcommittee of the Legis-
20 lative Council for administrative purposes. [A SPECIAL OR JOINT
21 COMMITTEE MAY EXPEND MONEY ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROPRIATION
22 MADE FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE].

23 * Sec. 4. Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
24 is amended to read:

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

1 **(b)** The person who chairs the committee to which a bill or
2 resolution is first referred shall provide to the chief clerk or
3 secretary written notice of the time and place of the first public
4 hearing on the bill or resolution at least five days before the hear-
5 ing.

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

10 **(d)** The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute
11 copies of the weekly schedule of committee meetings and of the five-
12 day notice of hearing.

13 **(e)** [(b)] If the time or place of a committee meeting is changed
14 from that shown in the weekly schedule of committee meetings, the
15 [THE] person who chairs a standing, special, or joint committee shall
16 provide the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the change [IN
17 THE TIME, PLACE OR SUBJECT MATTER OF A MEETING]. Written [AT THE NEXT
18 DAILY LEGISLATIVE SESSION,] notice of the schedule change shall be
19 given to [ANNOUNCED BY] the chief clerk or secretary and published as
20 a notice in the journal of the house.

21 **(f)** [(c)] A scheduled meeting of a standing, special, or joint
22 committee may be cancelled or consideration of the scheduled subject
23 matter may be postponed or cancelled at any time. If possible, notice
24 of the cancellation shall be given in the same manner as provided for
25 notice of change in (e) [(b)] of this rule.

26 **(g)** [(d)] The provisions of (a) - (e) [AND (b)] of this rule do
27 not apply to a standing, special, or joint committee meeting scheduled
28 after the date a conference committee has been chosen to consider
29 amendments to or differences between versions of the general

1 appropriation act. However, a person who chairs a standing, special,
2 or joint committee shall post written notice of the time, place and
3 subject matter of a meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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

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

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

10 (3) standing, special, or joint committees when the commit-
11 tee meets during the interim between sessions or during a special
12 session.

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

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

16 (2) shall prepare minutes of each meeting of the committee
17 on a standard form prescribed jointly by the Rules Committees of the
18 house and the senate; the minutes shall include

19 (A) a list of the names of each member present during
20 the meeting;

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

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

25 (D) each amendment formally considered by the commit-
26 tee, the name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, the
27 action taken on the amendment, and the yeas and nays if a com-
28 mittee member has requested a roll call vote on adoption of an
29 amendment;

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

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

11 * Sec. 5. Rule 24(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-
12 lature is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 (b) When a bill is reported back by the last committee of refer-
14 ral in a house without at least one "Do Pass" by a committee member
15 the presiding officer shall put the question "Shall the bill be re-
16 ferred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar for second
17 reading notwithstanding the report of the committee?" The question is
18 debatable and if a majority of the membership of the house votes in
19 the negative, the bill is lost.

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

22 (c) A member who has introduced a bill or resolution or, if the
23 bill or resolution was sponsored by more than one member, the member
24 whose name first appears in the list of sponsors, with the concurrence
25 of each of the co-sponsors, may introduce a sponsor substitute for the
26 bill or resolution at any time before the bill or resolution is re-
27 ported from the first committee of reference. The effect of introduc-
28 tion of a sponsor substitute is to withdraw the original bill or
29 resolution. The introduction does not require consent of the

1 membership of the house. A sponsor substitute may not be introduced
2 if the subject matter is different from that of the original bill.

3 * Sec. 7. Rule 39(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
4 ture is amended to read:

5 (b) First Reading. The first reading consists of a reading
6 aloud by the clerk or secretary of the following information: the
7 house of origin, the bill number, the sponsor, and the title of the
8 bill, e.g., "In the House, House Bill No. ..., by and, A
9 bill for an Act entitled, 'An Act relating to a code of ethics for
10 state employees.'" The bill is then referred by the presiding officer
11 to one or more committees of the house. The house may by a majority
12 vote of the full membership of the house refer the bill to any other
13 standing or special committee of the house.

14 * Sec. 8. Rule 42 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
15 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (f) A Conference Committee, a Conference Committee with limited
17 powers of free conference, or a Free Conference Committee may meet
18 during the session and during the interim between the first and second
19 regular sessions of a legislature.

20 * Sec. 9. Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
21 is amended to read:

22 RULE 54. SUSPENSION OF RULES. Unless otherwise provided for in
23 the case of a particular rule, the Uniform Rules may be suspended by a
24 concurrent resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the full mem-
25 bership of each house. If either house violates a uniform rule other
26 than a rule concerning matters relating to the organization or in-
27 ternal administration of a house a question of order may be raised in
28 the other house. If it is decided by the other house that the Uniform
29 Rules have been violated, the bill involved in that violation shall be

- 1 returned to its house of origin without further action.
- 2 *Sec. 10. This resolution becomes effective upon convening of the
- 3 Fourteenth Legislature.