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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proposing amendments to the Uniform

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Rules of the Alaska State Legislature

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relating to the duration of a regular

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session and time limits on session work.

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

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* Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are

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amended by adding a new rule to read:

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RULE 2A. DURATION OF A REGULAR SESSION. (a) Except as provided

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in (b) of this rule, a regular session consists of no more than one

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hundred twenty consecutive calendar days, including the first calendar

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day the regular session convenes. A calendar day extends from mid-

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night to midnight.

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(b) A regular session may be extended once for up to ten consec-

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utive calendar days upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the

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membership of each house.

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* Sec. 2. Rule 42(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-

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ture is amended to read:

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(a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of the

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other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede

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from its amendments. The vote on receding from amendments is taken by

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the calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the

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journal. A house recedes from its amendments only by a majority vote

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of the full membership of the house. If the house refuses to recede,

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the presiding officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a

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Conference Committee. The committee meets when mutually agreeable to

1 its members. If the committee reaches agreement on previously adopted
2 amendments to a bill adopted by either house, the committee then sub-
3 mits an identical report to each house. The report is not subject to
4 amendment in either house. If the report is adopted by each house the
5 bill is enrolled, signed, and transmitted to the governor. If the
6 members of the Conference Committee cannot agree on amendments, or if
7 one or both houses refuses to adopt the committee report, the Confer-
8 ence Committee submits an identical written report to each house
9 listing the specific points of disagreement for which the committee
10 requests powers of free conference. The presiding officer of each
11 house may then give limited powers of free conference only on the
12 specific points listed. A report of a Conference Committee with
13 limited powers of free conference may not be voted on by the house
14 until at least 24 hours after it is duplicated and delivered to the
15 chief clerk or secretary of the house for distribution to each member.
16 The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time of delivery of the
17 report for recording in the journal. If the members of a Conference
18 Committee with limited powers of free conference cannot agree on
19 amendments, or one or both houses refuses to adopt the committee
20 report, it is then in order to appoint a Free Conference Committee. A
21 member who served on a Conference Committee or a Conference Committee
22 with limited powers of free conference may not be appointed to a
23 subsequent Conference Committee or Free Conference Committee concern-
24 ing the same measure. The vote on adoption of a conference committee
25 report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording of the
26 yeas and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority vote of
27 the full membership of each house.

28 * Sec. 3. Rule 44 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature
29 is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 RULE 44. TIME LIMITS ON INTRODUCTION AND ACTION. (a) No bill
2 or resolution, other than one sponsored by a standing committee, may
3 be introduced and no sponsor substitute for a bill or resolution may
4 be offered after the seventy-fifth calendar day of the first regular
5 session or after the thirty-fifth calendar day of the second regular
6 session.

7 (b) No bill or resolution may be introduced by a standing com-
8 mittee after the ninetieth calendar day of a regular session unless
9 introduction is approved by three-fourths vote of the full membership
10 of the house in which the bill is offered for introduction.

11 (c) No bill except an appropriation bill may be passed by the
12 house of origin for transmittal to the second house after the one
13 hundredth calendar day of a regular session.

14 (d) No resolution or appropriation bill may be passed by the
15 house of origin for transmittal to the second house after the one
16 hundred seventeenth calendar day of a regular session.

17 (e) A report of a Conference Committee, Conference Committee
18 with limited powers of free conference, or Free Conference Committee
19 must be submitted to each house before midnight of the one hundred
20 eighteenth calendar day of a regular session.