

Original sponsor: Rules Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 (Rules)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing amendments to Rule 23 of the
6 Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-
7 lature relating to committee meetings.

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

9 * Section 1. Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
10 ture is amended to read:

11 RULE 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) At least five days before the
12 meeting, written [WRITTEN] notice of the time, place and subject
13 [MATTER] of all meetings of standing, special, and joint committees
14 [DURING A WEEK] shall be provided by the person who chairs the commit-
15 tee. If the legislature is in session, notice shall be given to the
16 chief clerk or secretary by 3:00 [4:00] p.m. If the legislature is
17 not in session the notice shall be provided to a Legislative Infor-
18 mation Office. The office to which the notice is provided shall
19 distribute the notice to each other Legislative Information Office or
20 Legislative Teleconference Center that is open during the interim [ON
21 THE PRECEDING THURSDAY. THE PERSON WHO CHAIRS THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH
22 A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS FIRST REFERRED SHALL PROVIDE TO THE CHIEF
23 CLERK OR SECRETARY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST
24 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE
25 HEARING].

26 (b) The notice requirement of (a) of this rule [HOWEVER, THIS
27 REQUIREMENT] may be waived by motion of the person who chairs the
28 committee to which a bill or resolution is [FIRST] referred if con-
29 curred in by majority vote of the full membership of the house.

1 (c) The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute
2 each day the house is in session a [COPIES OF THE WEEKLY] schedule of
3 committee meetings scheduled for the next seven days.

4 (d) A scheduled meeting of a standing, special, or joint commit-
5 tee or consideration of a bill, resolution, or other subject may be
6 cancelled, postponed, or continued at any time. The place of a
7 scheduled meeting may be altered at any time. [AND OF THE FIVE-DAY
8 NOTICE OF HEARING. (b)] The person who chairs the [A STANDING,
9 SPECIAL, OR JOINT] committee shall provide the chief clerk or secre-
10 tary written notice of the change. Notice [IN THE TIME, PLACE OR
11 SUBJECT MATTER OF A MEETING. AT THE NEXT DAILY LEGISLATIVE SESSION,
12 NOTICE] of the schedule change shall be [ANNOUNCED BY THE CHIEF CLERK
13 OR SECRETARY AND] published as a notice in the journal of the house
14 and, if a regular floor session occurs before the time of the changed
15 meeting, the schedule change shall be announced.

16 [(c) A SCHEDULED MEETING OF A STANDING, SPECIAL, OR JOINT COMMIT-
17 TEE MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME. IF POSSIBLE, NOTICE OF THE CANCEL-
18 LATION SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR NOTICE OF
19 CHANGE IN (b) OF THIS RULE.]

20 (e) [(d)] The requirements [PROVISIONS] of (a) - (d) [AND (b)]
21 of this rule do not apply to a standing, special, or joint committee
22 meeting scheduled after the date a conference committee has been
23 chosen to consider amendments to or differences between versions of
24 the general appropriation act. However, a person who chairs a stand-
25 ing, special, or joint committee shall post written notice of the
26 time, place, and subject [MATTER] of a meeting at least 24 hours
27 before the meeting.

28 (f) [(e)] The requirements [PROVISIONS] of (a) - (e) [(d)] of
29 this rule do not apply to meetings of

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

3 (2) the Committee on Committees referred to in Rule 1(e);
4 or

5 (3) standing, special, or joint committees during a special
6 session [WHEN THE COMMITTEE MEETS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN SES-
7 SIONS].

8 (g) [(f)] Each standing, special, and joint committee

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

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

14 (A) a list of the names of each member present during
15 the meeting;

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

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

20 (D) each amendment formally considered by the commit-
21 tee, the name of the member moving adoption of the amendment, the
22 action taken on the amendment, and the yeas and nays if a com-
23 mittee member has requested a roll call vote on adoption of an
24 amendment;

25 (3) shall maintain a chronological file of minutes, copies
26 of which shall be made available upon request to committee members and
27 the public; committee minutes, tapes and other materials of research
28 value shall be delivered by the committee at the end of each session
29 or each legislature to the legislative reference library for

1 appropriate disposition;

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

6 (h) The requirements of (a) - (g) of this rule do not apply to
7 subcommittees of standing, special, or joint committees. However,
8 reasonable notice of the time, place, and subject of a subcommittee
9 meeting shall be provided.