

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 meetings of legislative

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bodies; deadlines for session work; and

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to letters of intent.

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

11 * Section 1. Rule 22(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legis-
12 lature is amended to read:

13 (a) All meetings of a legislative body are open to all legisla-
14 tors, whether or not they are members of the particular legislative
15 body that is meeting, and to the general public except as provided in
16 (b) of this rule. A quorum of a legislative body may not engage in
17 private and substantive deliberation on a matter within the jurisdic-
18 tion of the body. Caucuses of the legislature may meet in private to
19 consider matters of procedure, organization, or strategy.

20 * Sec. 2. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are amended
21 by adding new rules to read:

22 RULE 56. SESSION SCHEDULE. (a) The following schedule applies
23 during a first and second session to consideration of a bill:

24 (1) the house of origin may not calendar a bill for second
25 reading after the 90th legislative day;

26 (2) a bill may not be transmitted by the house of origin to
27 the second house after the 95th legislative day;

28 (3) the second house may not calendar a bill for first or
29 second reading after the 114th legislative day;

1 (4) a bill may not be transmitted by the second house to
2 the house of origin after the 117th legislative day;

3 (5) a report of a Conference Committee, Conference Commit-
4 tee with limited powers of free conference, or Free Conference Commit-
5 tee may not be submitted after the 118th legislative day.

6 (b) A report of a Conference Committee with limited powers of
7 free conference may not be voted on by a house until at least 24 hours
8 after it is duplicated and delivered to the chief clerk or secretary
9 of the house for distribution to each member. The chief clerk or
10 secretary shall certify the time of delivery of the report for record-
11 ing in the journal.

12 (c) This rule may be suspended by a concurrent resolution ap-
13 proved by majority vote in each house. This rule does not apply to
14 resolutions.

15 RULE 57. LETTERS OF INTENT. (a) A letter of intent is a formal
16 communication originated by either house that accompanies a bill or
17 resolution during and, when adopted, after action in the legislature.
18 It is used to further express and clarify the meaning of the measure
19 it accompanies.

20 (b) A letter of intent is acted on before final passage and to
21 become effective must be adopted by a majority vote in each house.

22 (c) A letter of intent does not have the full force and effect
23 of law but should be given strong recognition by those mentioned in,
24 or concerned with, the measure in question.

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