

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MARTIN

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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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SIXTEENTH 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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and providing for an effective date.

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

11 \* Section 1. The Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature are  
12 amended by adding a new rule to read:

13 RULE 2A. DURATION OF A REGULAR SESSION. (a) Except as provided  
14 in (b) of this rule, a regular session consists of no more than one  
15 hundred twenty consecutive calendar days, including the first calendar  
16 day the regular session convenes. A calendar day extends from mid-  
17 night to midnight.

18 (b) A regular session may be extended once for up to ten consec-  
19 utive calendar days upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
20 membership of each house.

21 \* Sec. 2. Rule 42(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
22 ture is amended to read:

23 (a) If one house refuses to concur in the amendments of the  
24 other it so notifies the amending house and requests that it recede  
25 from its amendments. The vote on receding from amendments is taken by  
26 the calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the  
27 journal. A house recedes from its amendments only by a majority vote  
28 of the full membership of the house. If the house refuses to recede,  
29 the presiding officer of each house appoints three members to sit as a

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

29 \* Sec. 3. Rule 44 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature

1 is repealed and reenacted to read:

2           RULE 44. TIME LIMITS ON INTRODUCTION AND ACTION. (a) A bill or  
3 resolution, other than one sponsored by a standing committee, may not  
4 be introduced and a sponsor substitute for a bill or resolution may  
5 not be offered after the seventy-fifth calendar day of the first  
6 regular session or after the thirty-fifth calendar day of the second  
7 regular session.

8           (b) A bill or resolution may not be introduced by a standing  
9 committee after the ninetieth calendar day of a regular session unless  
10 introduction is approved by three-fourths vote of the full membership  
11 of the house in which the bill is offered for introduction.

12           (c) Except for an appropriation bill, a bill may not be passed  
13 by the house of origin for transmittal to the second house after the  
14 one hundredth calendar day of a regular session.

15           (d) A resolution or appropriation bill may not be passed by the  
16 house of origin for transmittal to the second house after the one  
17 hundred seventeenth calendar day of a regular session.

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

22       \* Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect on the  
23 convening of the Second Session of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature.