

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature**
2 **relating to presiding officers pro tempore; and providing for an effective date.**

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

4 *** Section 1. Rule 1(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended**
5 **to read:**

6 **(b) When the house by a majority vote of the full membership of the house**
7 **selects a temporary presiding officer, the temporary presiding officer assumes the chair**
8 **and the lieutenant governor withdraws. The temporary presiding officer then calls for**
9 **nominations for a permanent presiding officer and the nominee receiving a majority**
10 **vote of the full membership of the house becomes the permanent presiding officer for**
11 **the two-year duration of the legislature. If a permanent presiding officer is not elected**
12 **by the seventh legislative day, on the eighth legislative day the temporary presiding**
13 **officer shall again call for nominations for a permanent presiding officer from the**
14 **floor. A roll call vote shall be taken on the persons nominated. Election of a**
15 **permanent presiding officer requires a majority vote of the full membership of the**
16 **house. After assuming the chair, the permanent presiding officer calls for**

1 nominations for a presiding officer pro tempore and the nominee receiving a
2 majority vote of the full membership of the house becomes the presiding officer
3 pro tempore for the two-year duration of the legislature.

4 * Sec. 2. Rule 1(e) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to
5 read:

6 (e) The permanent presiding officer shall announce, not later than the day
7 following election, the appointment of a Committee on Committees consisting of five
8 members including the permanent presiding officer and the presiding officer pro
9 tempore. The permanent presiding officer chairs the Committee on Committees.
10 The committee is responsible for nominating the members of the standing committees
11 as set out in Rule 20 and the member who is to chair each standing committee to serve
12 for the two-year duration of the legislature. The membership of each committee shall
13 total to an uneven number. On each standing committee the minority is entitled to the
14 number of seats that is proportional to the number of minority members compared to
15 the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the
16 number of seats the minority is entitled to, fractional numbers that represent the
17 minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. The report of the
18 Committee on Committees is subject to approval by a majority vote of the full
19 membership of the house. For purposes of this subsection "minority" means a group
20 of members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at
21 least 25 percent of the total house membership.

22 * Sec. 3. Rule 4 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

23 RULE 4. DUTIES OF THE PERMANENT PRESIDING OFFICER AND
24 THE PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEMPORE. The permanent presiding officer
25 of each house has the duties set forth in section 575, MASON'S MANUAL OF
26 LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE, 1979 edition, when not inconsistent with these
27 Uniform Rules. In the absence of the permanent [REGULAR] presiding officer, the
28 [MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE SERVING EX OFFICIO AS] presiding
29 officer pro tempore shall preside and carry out the other duties of the permanent
30 presiding officer. However, while presiding, the permanent presiding officer or
31 the [; EXCEPT THAT THE REGULAR] presiding officer pro tempore may
32 temporarily relinquish the chair to any member.

- 1 * Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect on the convening of the
- 2 First Session of the Nineteenth Alaska State Legislature.