

**HB**

**412**

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TO: Representative Bob Lynn  
Chair, State Affairs

FROM: *MFG* Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.

DATE: March 13, 2008

RE: HB 412: Legislative Council & LB & A Membership

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Please consider this memorandum as a request for the House State Affairs Committee to schedule a hearing on HB 412. Accompanying this memo are the following documents:

- ▶ Sponsor Statement
- ▶ HB 412 / 25-LS1531\C
- ▶ Sectional Analysis

Many thanks.

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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HB 412**

**By: Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.**

**TITLE:** "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Legislative Council and the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

### **SECTIONS 1 and 2.**

HB412 Requires the membership of the Legislative Council from each house to include the number of minority members that is proportional to the number of minority members in the house compared to the total house membership. Uses the definition of "minority" that is used in the proportional representation requirement under Uniform Rule 1(e).

### **SECTION 3.**

Ensures that a vacancy in the Legislative Council is filled in a manner that preserves the proportional representation requirement.

### **SECTIONS 4 and 5**

Applies a similar majority/minority proportional representation requirement to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee membership from each house.

### **SECTION 6.**

Ensures that a vacancy in the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee is filled in a manner that preserves the proportional representation.

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**Sectional Analysis for HB412**  
**BY: Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.**

**Section 1.** Amends AS 24.20.020

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Adds: **meet the requirements of (b) of this section**  
Remove: [INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE TWO  
MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES].

**Section 2.** Amends AS 24.20.020 by adding a new subsection

Adds: **(b) The membership from each house must include at least one member from each of the two major political parties. The membership from each house must also include the number of minority members that is proportional to the number of minority members in the house compared to the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the number of seats to which the minority is entitled, fractional numbers that represent the minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. For purposes of this subsection, "minority leader and who constitute at least 25 percent of the total house membership.**

**Section 3.** Amends AS 24.20.040

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Adds: **After a vacancy is filed, the membership of the house that incurred the vacancy must meet the requirements of AS 24.20.020(b)**

Removes: [A LEGISLATOR APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE MEMBER VACATING THE SEAT, WHEN POSSIBLE].

**Section 4.** Amends AS 24.20.161

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1.22 Adds: **chairs**  
Removes: [CHAIRMEN]

1.26 Adds: **chair**  
Removes: [CHAIRMAN]

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Adds: **meet the requirements of (b) of this section**  
Removes: [INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES].

1.31 Adds: **chair**  
Removes: [CHAIRMAN]

**Section 5.** Amends 24.20.161 by adding a new subsection

Adds: **(b) The membership from each house must include at least one member from each of the two major political parties. The membership from each house must also include the number of minority members that is proportional to the number of minority members in the house compared to the total house membership or to one seat, whichever is greater. In calculating the number of seats to which the minority is entitled, fractional numbers that represent the minority proportional entitlement to a seat shall be ignored. For purposes of this subsection, "minority" means a group of members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at least 25 percent of the total house membership.**

**Section 6.** Amends 24.20.181

Adds: **After a vacancy is filled, the membership of the house that incurred the vacancy must meet the requirements of AS 24.20.161(b).**

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: HB 412  
Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): HB412-LEG-03-14-08 Dept. Affected: Legislature  
Title: "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska RDU: ALL  
Legislative Council and the membership of the Legislative Budget..." Component: ALL  
Sponsor: "Representative Gruenberg, Buch, Cissna, Crawford..."  
Requester: House State Affairs Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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