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Establishing as a joint committee of the Eleventh Legislature a committee of the house of representatives and senate concerned with the organization and procedures of a state constitutional convention.

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

WHEREAS the First Session of the Eleventh Legislature appropriated money for the work of an interim committee established to examine the organization and procedures of the Constitutional Convention of 1955-1956, matters relating to implementing a call for a constitutional convention, and issues which could arise at a constitutional convention, with the purpose of preparing guidelines and recommendations for conducting a future state constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS that committee, operating as a joint committee with membership from the house of representatives and senate, and with the assistance of members of the judicial and executive branches, has not found it possible to complete its work before the deadline for submission of reports due from all interim committees; and

WHEREAS within the next three years the voters of Alaska will be asked to vote again on the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?", making the work of the interim committee on the constitutional convention timely and invaluable; and

WHEREAS, while provision is made by statute (AS 24.05.-180) for the use of joint committees "to facilitate and expedite business" and by legislative rule (Rule 21) for the designation of special committees, there is no guidance in statute or rule by which to establish a joint committee as a committee having authority to act while the legislature is in session and when it is not; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the precedent of a concurrent

resolution establishing a joint committee as an interim committee to review and prepare coastal management legislation, the legislature may properly establish the responsibilities of a joint committee by means of a concurrent resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one member, appointed by the chairman of the legislative council, compose a joint committee of the Eleventh Legislature to examine matters pertaining to the organization and conduct of constitutional conventions in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee has authority both as a special committee and an interim committee of the Eleventh Legislature; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee be dissolved January 12, 1981, and that its final report be submitted to the First Session of the Twelfth Legislature not later than January 15, 1981.