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Proposing amendments to the uniform rules to limit amendment of bill titles and to limit powers of Free Conference Committees and making other technical amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. Rule 24(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

(c) If a committee has more than one bill on the same subject or if it finds it necessary to revise a bill substantially, it may report out a substitute bill and recommend that the substitute be accepted for second reading in the place of the original bill. A committee of the second house may not report a committee substitute for a bill or an amendment to a bill that requires a change in the title of the bill, other than a clerical or technical change, as the title was enacted in the house of origin. Substitute bills are duplicated and distributed when they are reported out by the committee. Committee substitute bills carry a notation of the source or sponsor of the original bill in the manner prescribed by the drafting manual unless the sponsor objects to the [HIS OR THEIR] name so appearing.

* Sec. 2. Rule 35 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

RULE 35. AMENDMENT. A [NO] motion or proposition on a subject may not [SHALL] be admitted under color of amendment if the subject matter is different from that under consideration. A motion or proposition on a subject that requires a change in the title of the bill as enacted in the house of origin, other than a clerical or technical change, is not in order in the second house. An [NO] amendment may not be considered by the house unless submitted in writing and read aloud by the clerk or

secretary. Amendments offered by a committee shall be included in its written report and attached to the original bill. A bill in second reading is subject to amendment and is treated section by section. An [NO] amendment may not be made to a bill in its third reading, but the bill may be returned to second reading by a majority vote of the full membership of the house for the purpose of specific amendment. When action on a specific amendment in second reading is completed, the bill automatically advances to third reading. Except as provided in this rule, a [A] title may be amended or a change of sponsor made in third reading or after passage by a majority vote of the members present, but the title amendment or sponsor change [SAME] must be accomplished before the measure acted upon has been enrolled. When amendments to the body of a bill affect the numbering of sections, or passage or failure of the effective date clause affects the title, the clerk or secretary may accomplish the necessary changes without formal motion, and the [SUCH] changes shall be noted in the journal. Resolutions may be amended in the same manner as a bill.

* Sec. 3. Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) An amendment to a bill introduced in the other house is not in order if the amendment requires a change of the bill title other than a clerical or technical change.

* Sec. 4. Rule 42 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) A Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference or a Free Conference Committee may not include in its report on an appropriation bill an item which was not included in a version of that appropriation bill adopted in third reading by a house and the amount appropriated by an item may not exceed the higher amount appropriated by that item in a version of the bill adopted in third reading by a house. An item in an appropriation bill includes a line item, an allocation, and an appropriation.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of (c) of this rule, a Free Conference Committee may consider and include in its report on an appropriation bill appropriations as requested by attached fiscal notes on new legislation and resolutions that have been passed by both houses.

(e) A Conference Committee, a Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference, or a Free Conference Committee may not adopt a report that requires a change in the title of a bill other than a clerical or technical change.

* Sec. 5. The amendments made by this resolution take effect June 30, 1982.