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Establishing a Joint Special Committee on Legislative Reform.

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

WHEREAS the rules, customs, protocol, decorum and statutes governing the work of the Legislature are of great importance to the people of Alaska and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS broad public confidence in legislative practices can help assure respect for the rule of law itself; and

WHEREAS there has already occurred a significant and widespread public dialogue regarding legislative procedure, reflecting the desire of Alaskans to further encourage confidence in the legislative process and to streamline expenditures and time spent in the legislative process, consistent with the need for adequate consideration of public policy issues before the Legislature, with provision for public participation; and

WHEREAS, while the Legislature has from time to time modified its procedures, a comprehensive review of legislative procedures and practices with public involvement is needed; and

WHEREAS the work of the Legislature takes place in a constantly changing technological and demographic context, which further warrants a review of legislative procedures;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a Joint Special Committee on Legislative Reform is established consisting of three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House to analyze and review existing procedures, budget procedures, rules, customs, protocol, decorum, court decisions, statutes, and practices, and to report its findings to the Legislature concerning their adequacy and

fitness, and to recommend such changes or modifications, which in the judgment of the committee will promote legislative responsiveness and accountability to the people and encourage efficiency in the legislative branch of government; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee, when constituted, be directed to take appropriate steps consistent with existing rules to involve representative elements of the public in its deliberations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be directed to report its findings and recommendations concerning conflict of interest and ethics legislation to the full Legislature by April 1, 1983; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be directed to submit its final report to the full Legislature and shall terminate on April 15, 1983 or upon the submission of its final report, whichever comes first.