

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to certain votes on appropriation bills; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* **Section 1.** Rule 41 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The house of origin may not vote on concurrence in amendments to an appropriation bill until at least 24 hours after the bill with amendments is delivered to that house. The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time of delivery for recording in the journal.

\* **Sec. 2.** Rule 42(b) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended to read:

(b) A Free Conference Committee is appointed in the same manner as a Conference Committee and may suggest in its report any new amendments clearly germane to the question. When a majority of the membership of the committee from each house agrees on amendments, the amendments are attached to the bill and reported back to each house in an identical report. The report is not subject to amendment in either house. If the report is adopted in each house, the bill is then ordered enrolled by its house of origin. If the members of a Free Conference Committee fail to agree on

amendments or one or both houses refuses to adopt the free conference report, a second Free Conference Committee may be appointed, but no member of the first committee may be reappointed. A free conference report on a measure other than an appropriation bill may not be voted on by the house until at least 24 hours after the report is duplicated and delivered to the chief clerk or secretary of the house for distribution to each member. The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time of delivery of the report for recording in the journal. The vote on adoption of a free conference committee report is taken by the calling of the roll and the recording of the yeas and nays in the journal. Adoption requires a majority vote of the full membership of each house.

\* Sec. 3. Rule 42(c) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature is amended 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. The report on an appropriation bill of a Conference Committee, a Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference, or a Free Conference Committee may not be voted on by the house until at least 24 hours after the report is duplicated and delivered to the chief clerk or secretary of the house for distribution to each member. The chief clerk or secretary shall certify the time of delivery of the report for recording in the journal.

\* Sec. 4. The amendments proposed by this resolution take effect immediately.