

STATE OF ALASKA SENATE

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Relating to the need for a final opinion in Bess v. Ulmer.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the Alaska Supreme Court issued a preliminary opinion and order on September 22, 1998, in Bess v. Ulmer, S-08811, S-08812, S-08821, dealing with the limitation on the power of the legislature to propose amendments to the state constitution that are revisions, and indicated that a final opinion would be coming; and

WHEREAS AS 22.05.140(b) demonstrates the state policy of encouraging prompt decisions by the Alaska Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS the legislature needs a final opinion in Bess v. Ulmer to provide further guidance on the court's opinion regarding the extent of the legislature's powers to propose amendments to the state constitution so that it may effectively carry out its duties; and

WHEREAS a final opinion in Bess v. Ulmer is necessary to facilitate a petition for rehearing;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate requests the Alaska Supreme Court to issue a final opinion in Bess v. Ulmer.