

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1(STA) am(fld H)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/10/17

Offered: 4/3/17

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRENN, Tuck, Kreiss-Tomkins, Tarr, Ortiz, LeDoux, Parish, Fansler, Stutes, Gara

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to voting and abstention from voting.

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

*** Section 1.** Rule 34(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(b) Abstention and Voting. Except as provided in this subsection, every [EVERY] member present in the house shall vote. A member may abstain from voting if [UNLESS] the house, for special reasons, permits a member to abstain. A member shall request to be excused from voting on a question in the house if the member has a conflict of interest that is reasonably likely to influence the member's vote on the question. All motions excusing a member from voting shall be made before the house divides or before the call for the yeas and nays is commenced. A member requesting to be excused from voting may not vote on the question of the member's abstention; however, the member shall make a brief oral statement of the reasons for the request, including, if applicable, specific provisions of AS 24.60 that support the member's request to be excused. The [AND THE] question of the member's abstention [GRANTING PERMISSION TO ABSTAIN] shall be taken

1 without further debate. A member may not explain a vote, may not discuss the
2 question while the yeas and nays are being called, and may not change a vote after the
3 roll call result has been announced. Upon division and count of the house of any
4 question, a member who is not within the chamber may not be counted. A member
5 may not be permitted to abstain except **on the question of the member's abstention**
6 **or** upon [THE UNANIMOUS] consent of **three-fourths of** the membership.