

**HOUSE BILL NO. 41**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARA

Introduced: 1/13/17

Referred: Prefiled

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to joint prime sponsorship of bills."**

2    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3       **\* Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5           SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Bipartisan Cooperation Act.

6       **\* Sec. 2.** AS 24.08.060(a) is amended to read:

7           (a) A member of the legislature, a group of members, or a committee  
8 chairman, with the concurrence of a majority of the active members of the committee  
9 and on behalf of the committee, may introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and  
10 resolutions shall be prepared and introduced in the manner and form prescribed in the  
11 uniform rules and the legislative style manual.

12       **\* Sec. 3.** AS 24.08.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13           (c) A bill may be introduced by a group of members of the legislature with up  
14 to four joint prime sponsors in the manner and form prescribed in the uniform rules of  
15 the legislature and the legislative style manual. All joint prime sponsors must agree to

1 allow additional joint prime sponsors. When the bill is in the possession of a joint  
2 prime sponsor's house of the legislature, that joint prime sponsor may remove that  
3 sponsor's name in accordance with the uniform rules of the legislature. A bill  
4 introduced by joint prime sponsors under this subsection may only be withdrawn with  
5 the agreement of all joint prime sponsors and in the manner prescribed in the uniform  
6 rules of the legislature.