

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRENN

Introduced: 1/20/17

Referred:

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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