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

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

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

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 three-fourths of the membership.