

SENATE BILL NO. 66 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the
2 membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.20.020 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 24.20.020. Membership.** The legislative council is composed of the
6 president of the senate and six other senators appointed by the president, and the
7 speaker of the house of representatives and six other representatives appointed by the
8 speaker. The membership from each house shall include at least one member from **the**
9 **minority** [EACH OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES]. **The minority is**
10 **entitled to the number of seats on the council that is proportional to the number**
11 **of minority members compared to the total house membership or to one seat,**
12 **whichever is greater. In calculating the number of seats the minority is entitled**
13 **to, fractional numbers that represent the minority proportional entitlement to a**
14 **seat shall be ignored.** The appointing authority in each house shall make and

1 announce the appointment or reappointment of members of the council within 15 days
2 after the convening of the first regular session of each legislature.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.20.161 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 24.20.161. Membership.** The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee is
5 composed of 10 members: the chairs [CHAIRMEN] of the senate and house finance
6 committees, [;] one member selected from each of the senate and house finance
7 committees and appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house,
8 respectively, [;] and three members appointed from each house by the respective
9 presiding officer. The chair [CHAIRMAN] of the finance committee may choose not
10 to serve on the committee. If this occurs, the presiding officer of the appropriate house
11 shall appoint a replacement from the finance committee. The membership from each
12 house shall include at least one member from the minority [EACH OF THE TWO
13 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES]. The committee shall select its own chair
14 [CHAIRMAN].

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 **Article 4. General Provisions.**

17 **Sec. 24.20.700. Definition.** In this chapter, "minority" means a group of
18 members who have organized and elected a minority leader and who constitute at least
19 25 percent of the total house membership.