

AN INITIATIVE CHANGING THE LOCATION OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Section 1. Location of Legislative Sessions

AS 24.05.090 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

AS 24.05.090. Legislative Sessions

(a) All regular and special sessions of the legislature shall be held at a location within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. In the event that suitable facilities for these sessions are not available within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, then all sessions shall be held at a location within the Municipality of Anchorage, but only until suitable facilities within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough become available.

(b) The legislature shall convene each year on the second Monday in January at 10:00 a.m., except that following a gubernatorial election year, the legislature shall convene on the third Tuesday in January, at 10:00 a.m. Each legislature shall have a duration of two years and shall consist of a "First Regular Session", which shall meet in the odd-numbered years, and a "Second Regular Session" which shall meet in the even-numbered years, together with any special session or sessions that the governor or legislature may find it necessary to call.

Section 2. Specific Conforming Amendments

The following Alaska statutes are amended as indicated:

(a) AS 24.05.090(a) is amended to substitute "at the location provided in AS 24.05.090(a)" for "at the capital" in both locations "at the capital" appears.

(b) The last sentence of AS 24.10.030 is amended to substitute "session location" for "capital."

(c) AS 24.10.130(a), AS 24.60.030(a)(2)(E), AS 24.60.031(a)(1), AS 24.60.031(a)(3), and AS 24.60.080(c)(7) are amended to substitute "session location" for "capital city" in all locations "capital city" appears.

(d) AS 24.45.041(b)(1), AS 24.45.041(e), and AS 24.50.040 are amended to substitute "session location" for "state capital" in all locations "state capital" appears.

(e) AS 24.50.010 is amended to delete "in the capital."

(f) AS 44.06.050 is amended to delete "or the legislature" in both locations "or the legislature" appears.

(g) The first sentence of AS 44.06.055 is amended to delete "or the legislature", and to substitute "the capital" for "a functioning state legislature or the capital".

(h) AS 44.06.060 is amended to add "except for relocation of legislative sessions" at the end of the existing section.

Section 3. General Conforming Amendment

Any and all additional provisions of the Alaska Statutes which conflict with AS 24.05.090(a) are hereby amended to conform with AS 24.05.090(a). The revisor of statutes for the State of Alaska is authorized and directed to make these corrections with appropriate language.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this Act are independent and severable, and if any provision of this Act, or the applicability of any provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected and shall be given effect to the fullest extent practicable.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Act applies to sessions of the legislature commencing after January 1, 2005. The legislative sessions should be relocated earlier if practicable.