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on Committees  
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Drafted by: B.J.B.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1431

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR PARTICIPATION BY ASSEMBLYMEMBERS AT MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the use of teleconferencing for participation by assemblymembers at meetings of the Assembly is expensive and can be disruptive to the orderly flow of business at the meeting, and

WHEREAS, in the past, assemblymembers participating in meetings by teleconference have often had technical difficulties in adequately hearing public participation and Assembly debate, and may not have had the benefit of written materials presented by the staff or public at the meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly discussed this issue at its retreat in December 1989, and decided, given the costs and technical problems associated with the use of teleconferencing for participation by assemblymembers at meetings, that a policy authorizing the use of this procedure in very limited circumstances only should be considered for adoption, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Committee on Committees has reviewed this issue and recommends the adoption of the teleconferencing policy set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the use of teleconferencing for participation by assemblymembers at meetings of the Assembly will be allowed only if such participation is necessary to establish a quorum for the meeting. The Assembly shall determine when such participation is appropriate.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 1990.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Clerk

PROPOSED MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution 1431:

At the retreat in December, the Assembly discussed the use of teleconferencing for participation by assemblymembers in meetings of the Assembly. Concerns were expressed with the expense associated with teleconferencing and the fact that it can be disruptive to the orderly flow of business at the meeting. Given these concerns, the Assembly requested that a resolution be prepared authorizing the use of teleconferencing for participation by assemblymembers only if such participation is necessary to establish a quorum for the meeting and the Assembly has determined that such participation is appropriate under the particular circumstances. This resolution would establish such a policy on teleconferencing.

The Assembly Committee on Committees reviewed this resolution at its meeting on March 5 and recommended that it be adopted. I recommend that this resolution be adopted.

BJB/cds  
Assembly Meeting: 03/19/90