

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and speaking for myself.

I fully support HJR 33 and HB 200.

As a voter, there is so little solid information on Judges. Over the years, the information from the Judicial Counsel has been lean and not helpful in helping me to make an informed decision on voting.

This amendment puts more citizen's than lawyers in the counsel which hopefully will add a better level of evaluation and scrutiny of the Judges, their history of decisions, how they sentence criminals, either lightly or heavily, etc. Criminal behavior and the resulting punishment, must be a deterrent vs the views of many on the left that prison is a place to learn to behave in civil society. I will vote, if I know any Judge who is lenient, the problem is the Counsel is mute on this issue.

Lastly I want to know if a Judge is following the Alaska Constitution and the US Constitution or is legislating from the bench. Those who legislate must be voted out. I do hope that my fellow citizens on the Counsel will let us the voters know whom these judges are.

I'm not asking for a "Hanging Judge" evaluation of the Judges, but I do want some clear history of what these judges are doing and frankly I do not believe a counsel like we have now is doing that with the lawyers making those determinations vs citizens.

Lastly, we must have a counsel that will follow the law itself and not endorse Judges. All I want is the information and I'll decide if Yes or No. Just for clarification, just about all my votes for all Judges because of poor information have been No.

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