

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRICE

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

**1 Relating to regional diversity in nominations of the judicial council to the Alaska
2 Supreme Court and in activities of the Alaska Supreme Court.**

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

4 WHEREAS having geographic diversity among members of the state supreme court
5 would address concerns of residents of the state's diverse localities; and

6 WHEREAS actively maintaining local chambers for members of the state supreme
7 court in the various judicial districts of the state will help promote geographic sensitivities in
8 regard to the business of the supreme court; and

9 WHEREAS developing a method of conducting the work of the supreme court that
10 allows members to reside in communities throughout the state may increase the pool of
11 individuals willing to serve on the court; and

12 WHEREAS increasing the activity of the supreme court in communities throughout
13 the state would lead to greater access to the judicial system for Alaskans;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the judicial
15 council to give due deference to regional diversity when making nominations to fill vacancies
16 on the supreme court; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
2 chief justice of the Alaska Supreme Court to explore and implement policies that enable the
3 business of the court to be conducted from chambers located in the different judicial districts
4 in the state to enhance the responsiveness of the court.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Allen T. Compton, Chief
6 Justice of the Supreme Court of Alaska.