

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRICE

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

**1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska limiting the
2 rights of prisoners to those required under the Constitution of the United States.**

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

4 * Section 1. Article I, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 SECTION 12. CRIMINAL ADMINISTRATION. Excessive bail shall not be
6 required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

**7 The rights of prisoners and protection against infliction of cruel and unusual
8 punishments shall be limited to those protections and rights required under the**

9 Constitution of the United States. Criminal administration shall be based upon the
**10 following: the need for protecting the public, community condemnation of the offender,
11 the rights of victims of crimes, restitution from the offender, and the principle of
12 reformation.**

13 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
**14 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
15 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.**