

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: 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 required,  
6 nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. **The rights**  
7 **of prisoners and protection against infliction of cruel and unusual punishments**  
8 **shall be limited to those protections and rights required under the Constitution**  
9 **of the United States.** Criminal administration shall be based upon the following: the  
10 need for protecting the public, community condemnation of the offender, the rights of  
11 victims of crimes, restitution from the offender, and the principle of reformation.

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