

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**  
2 **the rights of prisoners under the criminal administration section.**

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. Criminal  
7 administration shall be based upon the following: the need for protecting the public,  
8 community condemnation of the offender, the rights of victims of crimes, restitution  
9 from the offender, and the principle of reformation. **The protections and rights**  
10 **provided under this section to prisoners convicted of crimes shall be limited to**  
11 **those rights and protections and the extent of those rights and protections**  
12 **afforded under the Constitution of the United States to prisoners convicted of**  
13 **crimes.**

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