

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GREUEL

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HOUSE BILL NO. 169

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to causes for the dis-

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solution of marriage contracts; and

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amending Sec. 56-5-7, ACLA 1949.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

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Section 1, Sec. 56-5-7, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to

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read as follows:

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Sec. 56-5-7. CAUSES FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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CONTRACT. For what causes marriage contracts may be dis-

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solved.

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First: Impotency existing at the time of the marriage

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and continuing at the commencement of the action.

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Second: Adultery.

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Third: Conviction of a felony.

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Fourth: Wilful desertion for a period of one year.

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Fifth: Cruel and inhuman treatment calculated to

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impair health or endanger life OR PERSONAL INDIGNITIES

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RENDERING LIFE BURDENSOME OR INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPERAMENT,

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Sixth: Habitual gross drunkenness contracted since

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marriage and continuing for one year prior to the commence-

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ment of the action.

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Seventh: Wilful neglect of the husband for a period

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of twelve months to provide for his wife the common necessi-

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ties of life, he having the ability to do so, or his failure

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to do so by reason of idleness, profligacy or dissipation.

1 Eighth: Incurable mental illness when the spouse has
2 been confined to an institution for a period of at least
3 three years immediately preceding the commencement of the
4 action. There must be testimony by competent physicians
5 that such person is beyond medical or surgical remedy. The
6 status as to the support and maintenance of the mentally ill
7 person shall not be altered in any way by the granting of
8 the divorce /INSANITY: WHEN ADJUDGED BY A COURT OF COMPE-
9 TENT JURISDICTION AND CONTINUING FOR THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY
10 PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTION/.

11 Ninth: Addiction of either party, subsequent to the
12 marriage, to the habitual use of opium, morphine, cocaine
13 or other like drug.

14 Tenth: Conflict of temperament rendering life intoler-
15 able.