

1 IN THE HOUSE

By Mr. Taylor

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HOUSE BILL NO. 207

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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

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for the rendering of a  
7 verdict upon the concurrence of nine jurors  
8 in a civil action; amending Sec. 55-7-83,  
9 ACLA 1949."

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

11 Section 1. THREE-FOURTHS VERDICT: JURORS TO SIGN. In all  
12 trials in civil actions in any court in Alaska, a verdict shall  
13 be rendered if three-fourths or more of the members of the jury  
14 concur therein, and such verdict shall have the same force and  
15 effect as though agreed to by all members of the jury; provided,  
16 that a verdict concurred in by less than all members of the jury  
17 shall not be rendered until the jury shall have had an opportunity  
18 for deliberation and consideration of the case for a period of  
19 not less than six hours after the same is submitted to said jury.  
20 If a verdict be concurred in by all the members of the jury, the  
21 foreman alone may sign it, but if rendered by a less number, such  
22 verdict shall be signed by all the jurors who shall agree to the  
23 verdict.

24 Sec. 2. Sec. 55-7-83, ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 55-7-83. POLLING JURY: CORRECTION OF VERDICT. When a  
27 verdict is given and before it is filed, the jury may be  
28 polled on the request of either party, for which purpose  
29 each shall be asked whether it be his verdict; if any juror

1 change his verdict [ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE], the jury  
2 shall be sent out for further deliberation. If the verdict  
3 be informal or insufficient, it may be corrected by the jury  
4 under the advice of the court, or the jury may again be  
5 sent out.

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