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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 371

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act amending Sec. 58-4-60, ACLA 1949 relating to the impeachment of witnesses."

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

Section 1. Sec. 58-4-61, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 58-4-61. IMPEACHMENT BY ADVERSE PARTY: EVIDENCE PERMISSIBLE. A witness may be impeached by the party against whom he was called, by a contradictory evidence, or by evidence that his general reputation for truth is bad, or that his moral character is such as to render him unworthy of belief, but not by evidence of particular wrongful acts; except that it may be shown by the examination of the witness or the record of the judgment that he has been convicted of a crime [.] ; provided, however, that a defendant in a criminal proceeding may be impeached by a showing of a conviction of a crime only when the defendant has specifically placed his character in evidence by the calling of good character witnesses in his own behalf.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.