

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 245

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the probate jurisdiction  
7 of the District Magistrate's Courts; amending  
8 Sec. 17 (1) (a) of Ch. 50, SLA 1959 and  
9 amending Sec. 3 of Ch. 184, SLA 1959."

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

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Section 1. Sec. 17 (1) (a) of Ch. 50, SLA 1959 is amended to

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read as follows:

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Sec. 17 Jurisdiction and Venue

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(1) (a) The superior court is the trial court of

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general jurisdiction, with original jurisdiction in all civil

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and criminal matters. [SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED

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TO PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS AND INCOMPETENTS.] The

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superior court and its judges may issue injunctions, writs of

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review, mandamus, prohibition, habeas corpus and all other writs

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necessary or proper to the complete exercise of its jurisdiction.

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A writ of habeas corpus may be made returnable before any

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judge of the superior court. The superior court has juris-

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diction in all matters appealed to it from a subordinate court,

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or administrative agency when such appeal is provided by law.

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All such appeals shall be a matter of right, except no appeal

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shall be taken in any criminal case after a plea of guilty or

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by the State, except to test the sufficiency of an indictment

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or information. All hearings on appeal from any final order

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or judgment of a subordinate court or administrative agency

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shall be on the record unless the superior court, in its discretion, shall grant a trial de novo, in whole or in part.

Sec. 2. Sec. 3 of Ch. 184, SLA 1959, is amended by the addition of a new subsection to read as follows:

(h) For probate matters and guardianship of minors and incompetents.