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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. JOSEPHSON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the qualifications of  
7 district magistrates."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 22.15.160 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 22.15.160. QUALIFICATIONS OF MAGISTRATES. (a)

11 A district magistrate appointed after the effective date of  
12 this section shall be a citizen of the United States and of  
13 the state, at least 21 years of age, a resident of the state  
14 for at least 90 days immediately preceding his appointment,  
15 and at the time of his appointment licensed to practice law  
16 in at least one of the states of the United States. The  
17 supreme court may prescribe additional qualifications.

18 (b) A district magistrate who is not, as of the effec-  
19 tive date of this section, licensed to practice law in the  
20 state shall present himself for examination for admission to  
21 practice each time the examination is given, until he passes  
22 the examination or is no longer eligible to take the exami-  
23 nation, unless

24 (1) he is excused for good cause by the presiding  
25 judge of the superior court for which he was appointed;

26 (2) a petition for his admission on reciprocity  
27 is pending before the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar  
28 Association, and has not been determined; or

29 (3) he is seeking judicial review of an adverse

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determination by the Board of Governors on his petition for admission on reciprocity.

(c) If a district magistrate who is not licensed to practice law in Alaska and who is not eligible to be admitted on reciprocity loses his eligibility to take the examination, as determined under the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association, his office becomes vacant 90 days after he loses his eligibility.

(d) A deputy magistrate shall be a citizen of the United States and of the state, at least 21 years of age, and a resident of the state for at least six months immediately preceding his appointment. The supreme court may prescribe additional qualifications.