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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 72

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the appointment of
7 public defenders for indigent persons
8 charged with felonies, misdemeanors, or
9 violations of ordinances."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 22.20 is amended by adding new sections to
12 read:

13 ARTICLE 4. PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

14 Sec. 22.20.170. PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM. There is
15 created a public defender system to be administered by the
16 supreme court.

17 Sec. 22.20.180. APPOINTMENTS. (a) The presiding judge
18 of the superior court in each judicial district may appoint
19 one or more attorneys admitted to practice in the state to
20 serve as public defenders to represent indigent persons
21 charged with committing felonies, misdemeanors, or with
22 violating ordinances.

23 (b) A public defender serves at the pleasure of the pre-
24 siding judge.

25 Sec. 22.20.190. COMPENSATION. An attorney appointed a
26 public defender receives compensation as determined by the
27 administrative director with the approval of the chief jus-
28 tice and the supreme court.

29 Sec. 22.20.200. PRIVATE PRACTICE BY PUBLIC DEFENDER.

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An attorney appointed a public defender may not engage in the private practice of law without the permission of the presiding judge and administrative director.

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