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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to jurors' fees under
6 Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Admin-
7 istration of all Courts.

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

9 WHEREAS there is evidence that because jury service imposes a severe
10 financial hardship on many persons and because jury lists are based on lists
11 of persons who voted in the preceding general election, many persons are
12 refraining from exercising their right to vote; and

13 WHEREAS providing a more reasonably adequate fee for jurors would
14 relieve this financial hardship and this fear of voting, thus promoting a
15 more representative selection of jurors and a fuller exercise of the right
16 to vote; and

17 WHEREAS Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Administration of all Courts,
18 sets out the fee for jurors, and Article IV, Section 15 of the Alaska Con-
19 stitution distinguishes between these rules and rules governing practice and
20 procedure, and the history of that section indicates that only the latter
21 type may be changed by the legislature;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Supreme Court is urged to amend
23 Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Administration of all Courts, by raising
24 the fee for jurors from \$10 to \$35.

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