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AND URION

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 233

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the representation of a child in
7 divorce proceedings; and adding to the court's authority
8 under Rule 17(b), Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule
9 11(a), Rules of Children's Procedure."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 09.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 09.55.195. REPRESENTATION OF CHILD. The court may, upon
13 the motion of either party or upon its own motion, appoint an attorney
14 to represent the interests of a minor or dependent child with respect
15 to his custody, support and visitation. The court shall enter an order
16 for costs, fees and disbursements in favor of the child's attorney.
17 The order shall be made against either or both parents, except that,
18 if the responsible party is indigent, the costs, fees and disbursements
19 shall be borne by the state.

20 * Sec. 2. Sec. 1 of this Act has the effect of adding to the discretion-
21 ary authority of the court to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the
22 interests of a minor child in contested custody cases under Rule 17(b),
23 Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 11(a), Alaska Rules of Children's
24 Procedure, by allowing the court to appoint an attorney to represent the
25 interests of a child with respect to his custody, support and visitation,
26 either on the court's own motion or on the motion of either party in a divorce
27 action.