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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FISCHER

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
6 of the State of Alaska, relating to  
7 juries in criminal prosecutions.

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

9 \* Section 1. Article I, sec. 11, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
10 is amended to read:

11 SECTION 11. RIGHTS OF ACCUSED. In all criminal prosecutions,  
12 the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial, by an  
13 impartial jury of twelve; except that the legislature may provide  
14 for a jury of not more than twelve nor less than six [IN COURTS NOT  
15 OF RECORD]. The accused is entitled to be informed of the nature and  
16 cause of the accusation; to be released on bail, except for capital  
17 offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great; to be  
18 confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process  
19 for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of  
20 counsel for his defense.

21 \* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed  
22 before the voters of the state at the next statewide election in conformity  
23 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the  
24 election laws of the state.