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Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 880

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to examination of witnesses by jurors;  
7 and amending supreme court criminal rule 27 and supreme  
8 court civil rule 48."

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

10 \* Section 1. Alaska State Supreme Court Rule of Criminal Procedure 27 is  
11 amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (f) Examination of witnesses by jurors. The judge shall instruct  
13 the jury that if a juror has questions to ask of a witness the juror  
14 shall submit the questions in writing to the court. In an in camera  
15 hearing conducted in the presence of counsel for both parties, the court  
16 shall rule on the propriety under law of each question submitted by a  
17 juror. In the presence of the jury the judge shall ask the witness  
18 those questions he has ruled to be proper.

19 \* Sec. 2. Alaska State Supreme Court Rule of Civil Procedure 48 is  
20 amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (k) Examination of witnesses by jurors. The judge shall instruct  
22 the jury that if a juror has questions to ask of a witness the juror  
23 shall submit the questions in writing to the court. In an in camera  
24 hearing conducted in the presence of counsel for both parties, the court  
25 shall rule on the propriety under law of each question submitted by  
26 a juror. In the presence of the jury the judge shall ask the witness  
27 those questions he has ruled to be proper.

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