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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 *SCS* HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39 *am*  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a revision of the substantive  
6 criminal law of the state.

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

8 WHEREAS the criminal code of the State of Alaska represents a consider-  
9 able and vital body of law which has not undergone substantive revision and  
10 is consequently vastly out of step with constitutional and social developments  
11 of recent decades; and

12 WHEREAS, each year since 1965, a revised criminal code for the state has  
13 been before the legislature but has failed to garner the necessary support  
14 for passage; and

15 WHEREAS once again a criminal code revision which could serve as a basis  
16 for study by persons knowledgeable in the varying aspects of the criminal law  
17 is contained in the proposed legislation; and

18 WHEREAS it is impossible during the course of a legislative session to  
19 devote the necessary man-hours required to refine and digest the proposed  
20 revision and to have the necessary expertise available to review the proposal;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative  
22 Council is requested to form a "blue ribbon" commission which shall direct  
23 the preparation of a comprehensive revision of Alaska's substantive criminal  
24 law to be submitted to the Second Session of the Ninth legislature; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the commission should be repre-  
26 sentative of citizens and groups vitally concerned with the administration  
27 and enforcement of the state's criminal laws, including but not limited to  
28 representatives of the bar, the bench, penologists, corrections officers,  
29 social workers, and the like; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is authorized to contract  
2 with a competent person or firm knowledgeable in the varying aspects of  
3 criminal law to oversee and direct the work of the commission.  
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