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Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing an amendment to the  
6 Alaska Constitution relating to  
7 the right to trial by jury.

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

9 \* Section 1. Article I, Section 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
10 is amended to read:

11 Section 16. CIVIL SUITS; TRIAL BY JURY. In civil cases, except  
12 as may be provided by law for those in which the claim is based on the  
13 provision of professional services by a health-care provider, where  
14 the amount in controversy exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, the right  
15 of trial by jury of twelve is preserved to the same extent as it  
16 existed at common law. The legislature may make provision for a  
17 verdict by not less than three-fourths of the jury and, in courts not  
18 of record, may provide for a jury of not less than six or more than  
19 twelve.

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