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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 302

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to prohibiting attorneys from repre-
7 senting parties in small claims actions; and changing
8 Rule 15(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the District Court
9 Civil Rules."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 22.20.040 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 22.20.040. APPEARANCE IN PERSON OR BY ATTORNEY. (a) An
13 action or proceeding, except as provided in (b) of this section may be
14 prosecuted or defended by a party in person or by attorney, except that
15 the United States or a corporation, either public or private, shall
16 appear by an attorney in all cases. Where a party appears by attorney
17 the written proceedings shall be in the name of the attorney, who is the
18 sole representative of his client as between him and the adverse party.

19 (b) An action or proceeding in which the parties elect to proceed
20 under the procedural rules prescribed for small claims by the supreme
21 court may only be prosecuted or defended by a party, and no attorney may
22 appear on behalf of any individual or corporation.

23 * Sec. 2. Rule 15(a) of the Alaska District Court Civil Rules is amended
24 to read:

25 (a) A corporation may be represented by any officer or employee
26 authorized in writing to represent it [AS 22.20.040 NOTWITHSTANDING].

27 * Sec. 3. Rule 15(b), (c), and (d) of the Alaska District Court Civil
28 Rules are repealed.

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