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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 368

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing an office of constables within the
7 division of state troopers."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT. The legislature finds that present
10 state police forces are unable to respond adequately to village requests for
11 assistance, creating a lack of confidence in law enforcement officials and
12 unnecessary fear and apprehension in rural Alaska; that village police are
13 untrained or under-trained, and paid inadequate salaries, making it difficult
14 for villages to retain local police services; and that village police are in
15 need of on-going training, supervision and accountability.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 18.65.087. OFFICE OF CONSTABLES. There is established in the
18 Department of Public Safety, division of state troopers, the office of
19 constables. The office of constables shall consist of not less than 20
20 positions, distributed as nearly equally as possible throughout rural
21 Alaska. The constables shall provide training and supervision to the
22 police of the villages on a regular basis. Constables shall receive the
23 same pay, benefits and emoluments as regular state troopers.

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