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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to creation of a Joint
6 Committee on Crime.

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

8 WHEREAS growth in the rate of crime has reached alarming levels in
9 Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS this growth in the rate of crime seriously threatens Alaska's
11 ability to maintain elementary security and protection for individuals and
12 society as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS some work has been done on this problem, including study and
14 recommendations by a previous legislative task force, but many important
15 topics remain to be studied by the legislature; and

16 WHEREAS deficiencies in the criminal justice system tend to negate the
17 best efforts of police, prosecutors, judges, and correctional officers to
18 ensure basic protection and security for society; and

19 WHEREAS issues such as procedures leading to indictment, pre-trial
20 release, crime prevention, and rehabilitation of offenders are in need of
21 close legislative study;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that three members of the
23 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, and three
24 members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, comprise a
25 Joint Committee on Crime, to examine deficiencies in the criminal justice
26 system, including but not limited to procedures leading to indictment, pre-
27 trial release, crime prevention, and rehabilitation of offenders; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully requests the governor
29 to designate three ex-officio members of the Joint Committee on Crime, one to

1 represent the Department of Law, one to represent the Department of Public
2 Safety, and one to represent the Department of Health and Social Services;
3 and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall make every effort to use
5 the knowledge and skills of law enforcement personnel and legal and judicial
6 officials in the state in conducting its research; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee may recommend to the Rules
8 Committee of either or both bodies that legislation be introduced to correct
9 problems in the criminal justice system; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall prepare a written report
11 of its conclusions and recommendations, if any, and submit this report to the
12 First Session of the Thirteenth Legislature on or before January 17, 1983;
13 and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee is authorized to meet during
15 and between sessions of the legislature and terminates on January 17, 1983.
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