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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-

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tion of the State of Alaska relating to

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the rights of victims of crimes.

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

9 * Section 1. Article I, sec. 11, Constitution of the State of Alaska,
10 is amended to read:

11 SECTION 11. RIGHTS OF ACCUSED AND OF VICTIMS. (a) In all
12 criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right to a speedy
13 and public trial, by an impartial jury of twelve, except that the
14 legislature may provide for a jury of not more than twelve nor less
15 than six in courts not of record. The accused is entitled to be
16 informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be released on
17 bail, except for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the
18 presumption great; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to
19 have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to
20 have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

21 (b) The victim of a crime or the lawful representative of a
22 victim of crime, including the next of kin of homicide victims, is
23 entitled to the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard
24 at each significant stage of the criminal proceedings involving the
25 person accused of committing the crime against the victim to the
26 extent that the rights do not interfere with the rights of the accused
27 under this article.

28 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed
29 before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity

1 with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the elec-
2 tion laws of the state.