HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the rights**
2 **of victims of crimes.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** Article I, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 SECTION 24. RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIMES. (a) Crime victims, as defined by
7 law, shall have the following rights, as provided by law:

8 (1) the right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy
9 throughout the criminal justice process;

10 (2) the right to timely disposition of the case following arrest of the accused;

11 (3) the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal
12 justice process;

13 (4) the right to notification of court proceedings;

14 (5) the right to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the
15 right to attend;

16 (6) the right to confer with the prosecution;

1 (7) the right to make a statement to the court at sentencing;

2 (8) the right to restitution;

3 (9) the right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and

4 release of the accused.

5 (b) The legislature may provide by law for the enforcement of this section.

6 (c) The legislature may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay

7 for crime victims' rights.

8 * Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state

9 at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and

10 the election laws of the state.