

HOUSE BILL NO. 528

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 3/9/94

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act amending Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 24(d) relating to
2 peremptory challenges of jurors in felony criminal proceedings."

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

4 * Section 1. Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 24(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES. A party who waives peremptory
6 challenge as to the jurors in the box does not thereby lose the challenge but may
7 exercise it as to new jurors who may be called. A juror peremptorily challenged is
8 excused without cause. If the offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than
9 one year, each side [THE STATE] is entitled to 6 peremptory challenges [AND THE
10 DEFENDANT OR DEFENDANTS JOINTLY TO 10 PEREMPTORY
11 CHALLENGES]. If the offense charged is punishable by imprisonment for not more
12 than one year, or by fine or both, each side is entitled to 3 peremptory challenges. If
13 there is more than one defendant, the court may allow the defendants additional
14 peremptory challenges and permit them to be exercised separately or jointly.

1 **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect only if sec. 1 of this Act receives the two-thirds majority
2 vote of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.