

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43(FIN)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/3/94  
Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES PORTER, Phillips, Barnes, Bunde, Green**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

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  
5 section to read:

6 **SECTION 24. RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS.** To preserve and protect  
7 victims' rights to justice and due process, a victim of crime shall have the right to be  
8 reasonably protected from the accused, to confer with the prosecution, and to be  
9 treated with dignity, respect, and fairness during all phases of the criminal and juvenile  
10 justice process. A victim of crime shall be entitled to the right to timely disposition  
11 of the case following the arrest of the accused, to be informed of and allowed to be  
12 present at all criminal or juvenile proceedings where the accused has the right to be  
13 present, to be allowed to be heard, upon request, at sentencing, before or after  
14 conviction or juvenile adjudication, and at any proceeding where the accused's release  
15 from custody is considered, to seek restitution from the accused, and to the right to be  
16 informed, upon request, of the accused's escape or release from custody before or after

1 conviction or juvenile adjudication. The legislature shall implement this section.

2 \* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
3 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
4 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.