

## HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE  
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Nineteenth Regular Session assembled, respectfully submits:

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Organic Act of Alaska (Act of Aug. 24, 1912) prohibits the courts of the Territory from granting any divorce unless the applicant therefor shall have resided in the Territory for two years immediately preceding the application; and,

WHEREAS, said restriction is out of date and only serves to work hardship in many instances where relief is called for that the court is unable to grant in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alaska presently in nineteenth session is well qualified to prescribe the details for the conduct of such affairs of the people of Alaska as are local and domestic in character;

NOW THEREFORE, your memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, urges that the restriction of the Organic Act of Alaska which fixes two years as the residence period required for court jurisdiction in divorce cases be deleted by an appropriate amendment to the Organic Act so that the Alaska Legislature may establish suitable statutory provisions on said subject.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

Passed by the House March 14, 1949.

Passed by the Senate March 18, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1949.