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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to jurors' fees under Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Administration of all Courts.

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

WHEREAS there is evidence that because jury service imposes a severe financial hardship on many persons and because jury lists are based on lists of persons who voted in the preceding general election, many persons are refraining from exercising their right to vote; and

WHEREAS providing a more reasonably adequate fee for jurors would relieve this financial hardship and this fear of voting, thus promoting a more representative selection of jurors and a fuller exercise of the right to vote; and

WHEREAS Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Administration of all Courts, sets out the fee for jurors, and Article IV, Section 15 of the Alaska Constitution distinguishes between these rules and rules governing practice and procedure, and the history of that section indicates that only the latter type may be changed by the legislature;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Supreme Court is urged to amend Rule 17(a), Rules Governing the Administration of all Courts, by raising the fee for jurors from \$10 to \$21.