



# Alaska State Legislature

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Relating to a "State of the Judiciary" message to the Legislature.

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

WHEREAS, although the Judicial branch of government is an equal branch of our government, along with the Executive and Legislative branches, many legislators, as well as members of the public feel that a communications gap exists concerning the operation of the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS all legislators should have and would welcome the opportunity to be addressed by a representative of the Judicial branch of government; and

WHEREAS such a presentation concerning the state of the Judiciary would be beneficial to both the Judicial and Legislative branches of government, as well as give the Legislature an in-depth view of the successes, problems, and goals of the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, has recommended that an excellent manner in which to strengthen the cooperation and understanding between the Legislative and Judicial branches of government would be to implement, on an annual basis, a "State of the Judiciary" address to the state legislatures by the chief justice of each state's highest court;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court is cordially invited to address a joint session of the legislature at a time to be determined by the leadership of both houses; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Legislature to make the "State of the Judiciary" address an annual occurrence, the first "State of the Judiciary" presentation to be made to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session.