

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced: 1/18/22

Referred: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States**
2 **Constitution providing that the Supreme Court of the United States may be composed of**
3 **not more than nine justices.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential element of
6 the checks and balances designed to protect the constitutional rights of every Alaskan; and

7 **WHEREAS** the United States Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for
8 more than 150 years; and

9 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States and the United States Congress should
10 not possess the ability to undermine the independence of the United States Supreme Court by
11 increasing the number of justices serving on the Supreme Court;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
13 Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution providing that the
14 Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of not more than nine Justices.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice

1 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
2 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority
3 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader of the U.S.
4 House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S.
5 Senate; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators,
6 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
7 Congress.