

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 210**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON**

**Introduced: 2/12/20**

**Referred: Judiciary, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the public defender agency; relating to speedy trial time limits; and**  
2 **amending Rules 45(b), 45(c)(6), and 45(d)(7), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 18.85.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) The public defender may create organizational silos to isolate an individual  
6 or group from communications and decision-making within the agency to prevent  
7 conflicts of interest in cases.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
9 read:

10 DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 45(b), Alaska Rules of  
11 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read:

12 (b) **Speedy Trial Time Limits.** A defendant charged with  
13 (1) a felony [, A MISDEMEANOR, OR A VIOLATION] shall be tried  
14 within 120 days from the time set forth in paragraph (c) of this rule; **or**

1                           **(2) a misdemeanor or a violation shall be tried within 70 days from**  
2                           **the time set forth in paragraph (c) of this rule.**

3       \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
4 read:

5                           DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 45(c)(6), Alaska Rules of  
6 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read:

7                           (6) Minor Offenses. In cases involving minor offenses as defined in  
8 Minor Offense Rule 2, the defendant must be tried within **70** [120] days from the date  
9 the defendant's request for trial is received by the court or the municipality, whichever  
10 occurs first.

11       \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13                           DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 45(d)(7), Alaska Rules of  
14 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read:

15                           (7) Other periods of delay for good cause **upon application of the**  
16 **defendant or the defendant's counsel.**

17       \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
18 read:

19                           APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to offenses committed on or after the effective  
20 date of this Act.