

**CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22(STA)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/2/98**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MILLER, Pearce, Ellis, Phillips, Mackie, Taylor, Leman, Lincoln, Kelly, Sharp, Duncan, Hoffman, Green**

**REPRESENTATIVES Masek, James, Nicholia**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to promotion of Kids Voting Alaska programs.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** teaching youth the fundamental democratic principles of voting has  
**4** proven to be successful in promoting responsible citizenship; and

**5 WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs have been effective in teaching students the  
**6** fundamental principles associated with the exercise of important rights of citizenship and in  
**7** promoting lifelong good voting practices; and

**8 WHEREAS** Kids Voting programs encourage discussions in homes about the political  
**9** process and current issues; and

**10 WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs are operated by hundreds of volunteers as  
**11** nonpartisan, nonprofit volunteer programs funded by business contributions and in-kind  
**12** services; and

**13 WHEREAS** Kids Voting programs have been implemented in Alaska and 39 other  
**14** states; and

**15 WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs provided the first municipal election voting  
**16** experience for youth in the nation, and Alaska is the home of the only community in the  
**17** nation to conduct a Kids Voting program every year since 1992; and

1       **WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs for K-12 school curricula teach Alaska  
2 students to be responsible citizens by increasing their understanding of democracy and the  
3 importance of voting; and

4       **WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs will be part of the curriculum in at least  
5 35 Alaska school districts during the 1998 - 1999 school year; and

6       **WHEREAS** nearly 120,000 students, or 90 percent of all students in Alaska, will have  
7 the opportunity to participate in Kids Voting Alaska programs by casting their votes on  
8 November 3, 1998; and

9       **WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska has been endorsed and is supported by the Alaska  
10 Municipal Clerks Association, the Alaska League of Women Voters, the Association of Alaska  
11 School Boards, the Alaska Council of School Administrators, and NEA-Alaska; and

12       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Congressional delegation, the Governor, and the Lieutenant  
13 Governor endorse this program by serving on the Honorary Board of Kids Voting Alaska;

14       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages all citizens of Alaska  
15 to develop Kids Voting programs in their communities; and be it

16       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages volunteers,  
17 teachers, parents, and youth throughout Alaska to participate in every election held in their  
18 communities; and be it

19       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges all citizens of Alaska  
20 to join in support of the continued success of Kids Voting Alaska programs and requests their  
21 assistance in encouraging volunteers, youth, businesses, organizations, school district  
22 administrators, teachers, and parents to become actively involved in Kids Voting Alaska  
23 programs to sustain our democracy through development of an involved and informed  
24 electorate.

25       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Kids Voting USA, 398 South Mill Ave.  
26 #304, Tempe, Arizona 85281; Alaska Association of School Boards, 316 West 11th, Juneau,  
27 Alaska 99801; NEA Alaska, 1840 South Bragraw, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99508;  
28 Alaska Association of School Administrators, 326 Fourth Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801;  
29 CARRS Quality Centers, 6411 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; National Bank of Alaska,  
30 301 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99501; and Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.,  
31 1835 South Bragaw, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.