

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/4/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Advocating the retention of the electoral college system in its present form.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the founding fathers, through deliberation and compromise, devised the
4 electoral college to answer the nation's need for an effective voting mechanism in the
5 presidential selection process; and

6 **WHEREAS** the electoral college, as provided for in the Constitution of the United
7 States, provides for a proper system of checks and balances in the election of the president
8 and vice-president; and

9 **WHEREAS** the electoral college prevents any one region of the nation from
10 dominating a presidential election; and

11 **WHEREAS** Alaska represents one-fifth of the total land mass in the United States,
12 but has only approximately 480,000 registered voters and three electoral votes; and

13 **WHEREAS** the electoral college is based upon republican principles which provide
14 the foundation for this nation's constitutional system; and

15 **WHEREAS** any attempt to modify the current electoral college would jeopardize a
16 secure system which has been effective for over two hundred years in providing for a peaceful

1 transition of presidential power; and

2 **WHEREAS** the electoral college brings a conclusion to the presidential election
3 process;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature advocates that no amendments
5 or other modifications be made to the electoral college system and that the electoral college be
6 continued in its present form for all future presidential elections.

7 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
8 of the United States; the Honorable Colin Powell, United States Secretary of State; the
9 Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States; the Honorable J. Dennis
10 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority
11 Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
12 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.