

Alaska State Legislature



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Sponsor Statement

SB118

Nullification of Federal Laws

The purpose of SB118 is to invalidate any federal law that the state views as unconstitutional. Thomas Jefferson wrote “nullification...is the rightful remedy” in a draft of the Kentucky resolution in 1798. There are more than a dozen other states include Alabama, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wyoming, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Iowa. SB118 creates a committee to review federal law and exercise state sovereignty. The committee is comprised of the President of the senate, six members and not more than 4 from one political party, and the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker as well as 6 appointed members not more than 4 from each political party.