



# Alaska State Legislature

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to federal participation in welfare payments to non-residents.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the federal Social Security Act since its enactment in 1935 has permitted the various states to impose reasonable residence requirements for eligibility to the various public assistance programs whose costs are partly paid by federal funds; and

WHEREAS the federal Social Security Act so provides at the present time, with Alaska having consistently required a reasonable continued residence as an eligibility factor for permanent public assistance payments; and

WHEREAS federal district courts in six different states have declared the unconstitutionality of these residence requirements alleging that they contravene the "equal protection of the law" guarantee of the United States Constitution and that they unduly restrict the freedom of Americans to travel at will within the country; and

WHEREAS, if this new judicial theory is upheld by the United States Supreme Court, state costs of public assistance in Alaska will be tremendously and permanently increased;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges the President and Congress of the United States to amend the federal Social Security Act at once so as to provide full federal financing of public assistance payments made to recipients who do not meet the length of residence requirements presently permitted by federal statute and contained in the Alaska Statutes and applicable statutes of other states, the federal financing to continue in each case only until the existing length of residence requirements have been met by each recipient.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.