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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS any attempt to modify the current electoral college would jeopardize a secure system which has been effective for over two hundred years in providing for a peaceful transition of presidential power; and

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

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

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