

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 3/20/01**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**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 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** the electoral college ensures that the will of the majority is carried out  
12 while guaranteeing that the voices of this nation's minorities are heard; and

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

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

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

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.