

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. GIERSDORF

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preparation of
6 an election code.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIRST
8 LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, intelligible and sound provision for a system of
10 free elections is an essential feature of representative govern-
11 ment; and

12 WHEREAS, the conglomeration of federal and territorial laws
13 governing elections in Alaska is no longer adequate or applicable
14 to the needs and requirements of Alaska as a state; and

15 WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive election code
16 can best be accomplished through a thorough analysis of the
17 peculiar needs of Alaska and the experience of other states:

18 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby
19 does direct the Legislative Council to prepare a comprehensive
20 state election code encompassing such pertinent statutes as may
21 be enacted by this session of the Legislature and including pro-
22 vision for: permanent voter registration; general absentee voting
23 and voting by Alaska citizens in the armed forces; the use of
24 mechanical voting devices wherever feasible; party and presiden-
25 tial preference primaries; elections regarding initiative, refer-
26 endum and constitutional amendment propositions; elections to
27 fill vacancies; and such other related matters which it may wish
28 to recommend to the Legislature for its consideration; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council shall submit

1 the proposed election code in bill form with a covering report
2 to the Legislature on the day set for the convening of the
3 second regular session of the First State Legislature in January,
4 1960.

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