

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the method of electing the  
6 President and Vice-President.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND  
8 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

9 WHEREAS, the method employed for the election of President  
10 and Vice-President of the United States was established at a time  
11 when the conditions which exist today did not exist and were not  
12 even contemplated; and

13 WHEREAS, such method gives undue weight, in states where the  
14 political parties are almost equal in strength, to minority groups  
15 which can deliver only a small number of votes but may be able to  
16 control the entire electoral vote of the state, thereby exercising  
17 an influence disproportionate to their numbers; and

18 WHEREAS, this process has had a most adverse effect upon the  
19 welfare of the country, influencing candidates who have more con-  
20 cern for their election than for the welfare of the country to  
21 court minority groups and, in an attempt to secure their votes,  
22 favor programs which are inimical to the best interests of the  
23 country as a whole; and

24 WHEREAS, the method of electing the President and Vice-  
25 President has long required a change in order to protect the wel-  
26 fare of the country;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
28 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled that the Congress of  
29 the United States is urged to propose amendments to the

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1 Constitution of the United States to have the President and Vice-  
2 President of the United States elected as follows: in the elec-  
3 toral college in each state, each congressional district would  
4 have one electoral vote which would be cast according to the vote  
5 of a majority of the voters in the district; the remaining elec-  
6 toral votes of the state would be cast as the majority of the  
7 voters in the state voted and each elector would vote accordingly  
8 in the electoral college; and be it

9       FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be mailed to  
10 the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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