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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Petitioning the Congress of the United
6 States to call a Convention for pro-
7 posing an Amendment to the Constitution
8 of the United States, unless Congress
9 shall sooner have submitted such an
10 Amendment, to provide for the election
11 of the President and Vice-President in
12 a manner fair and just to the People
13 of the United States.

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

15 WHEREAS under the Constitution of the United States Presidential and
16 Vice-Presidential Electors in the several states are now elected on a state-
17 wide basis, each state being entitled to as many electors as it has senators
18 and representatives in Congress; and

19 WHEREAS the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Electors who receive the
20 plurality of the popular vote in a particular state become entitled to cast
21 the total number of electoral votes allocated to that state irrespective of
22 how many votes may have been cast for other Elector candidates; and

23 WHEREAS this method of electing the President and Vice-President is
24 unfair and unjust in that it does not reflect the minority votes cast; and

25 WHEREAS the need for a change has been recognized by members of Congress
26 on numerous occasions through the introduction of various proposals for
27 amending the Constitution;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that application is hereby made to Congress under Article
29 V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a Convention

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1 to propose an Article of Amendment to the Constitution providing for a fair
2 and just division of the electoral votes within the States in the election
3 of the President and Vice-President; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that if and when Congress proposes such an Article of
5 Amendment this application for a Convention shall be considered withdrawn
6 and shall be no longer of any force and effect.

7 **COPIES** of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
8 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey,
9 Vice-President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President
10 Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives; the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable
12 Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S.
13 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the
14 Presiding Officers of the Legislatures of all other States of the United
15 States.

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