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and Education and
Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to federal participation in
6 welfare payments to nonresidents.

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

8 WHEREAS the federal Social Security Act since its enactment in 1935
9 has permitted the various states to impose reasonable residence requirements
10 for eligibility to the various public assistance programs whose costs are
11 partly paid by federal funds; and

12 WHEREAS the federal Social Security Act so provides at the present
13 time, with Alaska having consistently required a reasonable continued
14 residence as an eligibility factor for permanent public assistance pay-
15 ments; and

16 WHEREAS federal District Courts in six different states have declared
17 the unconstitutionality of these residence requirements alleging that they
18 contravene the "equal protection of the law" guarantee of the United States
19 Constitution and that they unduly restrict the freedom of Americans to
20 travel at will within the country; and

21 WHEREAS, if this new judicial theory is upheld by the United States
22 Supreme Court, state costs of public assistance in Alaska will be tremen-
23 dously and permanently increased;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges the
25 President and Congress of the United States to amend the federal Social
26 Security Act at once so as to provide full federal financing of public
27 assistance payments made to recipients who do not meet the length of
28 residence requirements presently permitted by federal statute and con-
29 tained in the Alaska Statutes and applicable statutes of other states,

1 the federal financing to continue in each case only until the existing
2 length of residence requirements have been met by each recipient.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
4 Nixon, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
5 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W.
6 Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
7 Congress.