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1 IN THE SENATE

BY BRADLEY

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to spouses' exemption from federal
6 Hatch Act.

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

8 WHEREAS, under the Hatch Act (Title 5, USC, secs. 1501 - 1508 and 7321 -
9 7327), federal employeecs, with certain exceptions, and certain state and
10 local employees are prohibited from taking part in political management or in
11 political campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS these prohibitions act to prevent a spouse who is subject to them
13 from participating in a political campaign in which the other spouse is a
14 candidate for partisan political office; and

15 WHEREAS allowing the spouse who is subject to the prohibition to assist
16 in the campaign of the other spouse during off-duty hours would not have a
17 deleterious effect on the federal government or on the job efficiency of the
18 spouse; and

19 WHEREAS, since some civil service employees are permitted to take an
20 active part in political management and political campaigns involving muni-
21 cipalities to the extent the Civil Service Commission determines to be in the
22 domestic interest of the employee and individual (5 USC 7327), certainly the
23 spouse of a candidate for a partisan political office any place in the United
24 States should be permitted to participate in the spouse's campaign; and

25 WHEREAS removal of the prohibition in this case would promote domestic
26 harmony, equalize campaign opportunities between a candidate whose spouse is
27 included within the prohibition and other candidates, and make the electoral
28 process more open;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully urges

1 the United States Congress to amend the Hatch Act to exempt the spouse of a
2 candidate for partisan political office from the prohibitions of the Act if
3 the spouse engages in the activities which would otherwise be prohibited only
4 during off-duty hours and that the activities relate directly to the spouse's
5 campaign.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
7 President of the United States; the Honorable Nelson Rockefeller, Vice-
8 President of the United States; the Honorable Robert E. Hampton, Chairman,
9 Civil Service Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
10 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representa-
11 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.