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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Opposing pending Congressional legis-
6 lation limiting or preempting the
7 power of state legislatures to pro-
8 vide for redistricting and reappor-
9 tionment of Congressional seats.

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

11 WHEREAS bills have been introduced in Congress that would, if enacted,
12 limit or preempt the authority of state legislatures to provide for the
13 reapportionment of Congressional districts following reports of decennial
14 censuses; and

15 WHEREAS H.R. 1516, offered by Representative Leach, would set basic
16 guidelines that legislatures would be required to follow in providing for
17 redistricting and reapportionment; and

18 WHEREAS S. 596 and H.R. 2653, companion measures introduced by Senators
19 Danforth and Hart and Representative Hanley, would remove from state legisla-
20 tures the authority to redistrict and reapportion and place that authority in
21 a bipartisan commission; and

22 WHEREAS, while federal legislation describing the manner of Congres-
23 sional reapportionment and redistricting would have no actual effect in
24 Alaska with its single Congressional district, the proposals constitute an
25 unwarranted intrusion by the federal government into the rights of the states
26 to provide for redistricting and reapportionment by those means which a
27 state's constitution or legislature provides, subject to federal constitu-
28 tional requirements;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it opposes H.R. 1516,

1 H.R. 2653, and S. 596, as introduced, and urges Congress not to enact legis-
2 lation restricting or preempting the authority of the states to provide for
3 reapportionment of Congressional seats.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Peter W.
5 Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the U. S. House Judiciary Committee; the Honorable
6 Abraham A. Ribicoff, Chairman of the U. S. Senate Committee on Governmental
7 Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
8 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of
9 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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