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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the extension of the  
6 Voting Rights Act.

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

8 WHEREAS the key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act will expire  
9 August 6, 1982, unless renewed by Congress; and

10 WHEREAS the Voting Rights Act is rightly considered the most effective  
11 civil rights legislation ever enacted in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS the Voting Rights Act has substantially increased the number of  
13 individuals voting in state, municipal and national elections; and

14 WHEREAS the extension of the Voting Rights Act as the law of the land  
15 constitutes the single best assurance to all citizens of the United States  
16 that their right to participate in the American political process will be  
17 guaranteed; and

18 WHEREAS the extension of the Voting Rights Act will allay the fears of  
19 many groups that a regression of voting rights may occur if the Act is not  
20 extended;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is urged  
22 to extend the Voting Rights Act in its present form.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,  
24 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the  
25 Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;  
26 the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee;  
27 the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Commit-  
28 tee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,  
29 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of

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1 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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