

or local elections, by reason of race, religion, color, creed, or other factors; and

WHEREAS Alaska has been in the forefront of the states seeking to extend the franchise to all citizens, for example, by requiring only that the voter be able to read or speak the English language and by extending the franchise to citizens of the age of 19 years or over; and

WHEREAS Governor William A. Egan has made the denial of voting rights in Alabama, and the failure of certain state officials there to prevent violence, a moral question which reaches the conscience of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS the denial of the franchise to Negroes is contrary to the best interests of the nation at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS this denial of franchise gives improper voting weight in Congress to those elected from districts apportioned on the basis of full population but in which large segments of the population are denied the right to register and vote because of their race; and

WHEREAS prevailing conditions in certain areas of the South hamper commerce, tourism, and other contact with that area by Americans living in the East, North

and West; and

WHEREAS the adoption of President Johnson's legislative program dealing with voting rights will ease the present crisis that exists in certain areas of the nation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature urges prompt approval of effective measures creating federal limitations upon literacy tests and other devices used to deny certain Americans their franchise in state, federal and local elections, and further urges provision in federal law for the registration of voters by federal officials are unwilling to perform this function; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Nicholas Katzenbach, Attorney General of the United States; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Relating to a Joint Commission on Correctional Manpower and Training and H.R. 2263.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska

WHEREAS the Arden House Conference on Manpower and Training for Corrections pointed out a national need for upgrading and improving state correctional programs; and

WHEREAS this need is further exemplified by H.R. 2263 which is a federal bill to fund the upgrading of state correctional programs on a national basis; and

WHEREAS the upgrading and improvement of state correctional programs would benefit greatly from the operation of a National Joint Commission on Correctional Manpower and Training; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska realizes the need for improved training methods and techniques in the correctional programs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the findings of the Arden House Conference on Manpower and Training for Corrections and urges the passage of H.R. 2263 to assist in this national program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Anthony J. Celebreeze, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.