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Relating to the extension of the Voting Rights Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; the Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
Congress.