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THE LEGISLATURE

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Relating to promotion of Kids Voting Alaska programs.

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

**WHEREAS** teaching youth the fundamental democratic principles of voting has proven to be successful in promoting responsible citizenship; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs have been effective in teaching students the fundamental principles associated with the exercise of important rights of citizenship and in promoting lifelong good voting practices; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting programs encourage discussions in homes about the political process and current issues; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs are operated by hundreds of volunteers as nonpartisan, nonprofit volunteer programs funded by business contributions and in-kind services; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting programs have been implemented in Alaska and 39 other states; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs provided the first municipal election voting experience for youth in the nation, and Alaska is the home of the only community in the nation to conduct a Kids Voting program every year since 1992; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs for K-12 school curricula teach Alaska students to be responsible citizens by increasing their understanding of democracy and the importance of voting; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska programs will be part of the curriculum in at least 35 Alaska school districts during the 1998 - 1999 school year; and

**WHEREAS** nearly 120,000 students, or 90 percent of all students in Alaska, will have the opportunity to participate in Kids Voting Alaska programs by casting their votes on November 3, 1998; and

**WHEREAS** Kids Voting Alaska has been endorsed and is supported by the Alaska Municipal Clerks Association, the Alaska League of Women Voters, the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Alaska Council of School Administrators, and NEA Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska Congressional delegation, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor endorse this program by serving on the Honorary Board of Kids Voting Alaska;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages all citizens of Alaska to develop Kids Voting programs in their communities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages volunteers, teachers, parents, and youth throughout Alaska to participate in every election held in their communities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges all citizens of Alaska to join in support of the continued success of Kids Voting Alaska programs and requests their assistance in encouraging volunteers, youth, businesses, organizations, school district administrators, teachers, and parents to become actively involved in Kids Voting Alaska programs to sustain our democracy through development of an involved and informed electorate.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Kids Voting USA, 398 South Mill Ave. #304, Tempe, Arizona 85281; Alaska Association of School Boards, 316 West 11th, Juneau, Alaska 99801; NEA Alaska, 1840 South Bragaw, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99508; Alaska Association of School Administrators, 326 Fourth Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801; CARRS Quality Centers, 6411 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; National Bank of Alaska, 301 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99501; and Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., 1835 South Bragaw, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.