

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced:

Referred:

A RESOLUTION

**1 Attesting to the integrity of the selection process of presidential electors from
2 the State of Alaska; recognizing concerns pertaining to the selection process
3 of presidential electors in other states; encouraging state legislatures to
4 exercise due diligence in ensuring the integrity of the process of appointing
5 presidential electors in all states; encouraging the United States Supreme
6 Court to interpret the law regarding the role of each branch of state
7 government in federal elections; encouraging members of the Alaska
8 delegation in Congress to protect the voting rights of all Americans by
9 objecting to electors from states that have failed to maintain the integrity of
10 their selection process; encouraging the attorney general to work with
11 attorneys general in other states to protect the voting rights of Alaskans; and
12 directing distribution.**

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

WHEREAS there is no dispute concerning the presidential electors appointed by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS all presidential electors appointed by the State of Alaska were selected pursuant to the manner in which the Alaska Legislature directed that electors be chosen for the 2020 Election of President and Vice-President of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature, pursuant to its authority under Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the United States, has determined that any and all interventions on the part of the executive and judicial branches of state government in the election process have not altered the outcome or compromised the integrity of the list of presidential electors chosen by the people of Alaska pursuant to both state and federal law; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature finds that the presidential electors appointed by the State of Alaska for the 2020 Election of President and Vice-President of the United States are: (1) Judy Eledge, (2) Randy Ruedrich, and (3) John Binkley; and

WHEREAS the integrity of the manner in which presidential electors are being chosen in several states has lately been called into question; and

WHEREAS the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 1, assigns to the legislature of each state the sole responsibility for directing the manner in which its electors are to be appointed; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the legislatures of each of the several states to ensure that the electors appointed by their state are appointed in the manner prescribed by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS presidential electors in some states are being appointed contrary to the manner in which the legislatures of those states have directed, in violation of the Constitution of the

United States, Art. II § 1; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature finds that the selection of presidential electors in violation of the Constitution of the United States has the potential to cause grave and irreparable injury to the states and to the people whose electors were appointed in the manner prescribed by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS such violations have the ability to fatally undermine not only public confidence and the integrity of the election process in those states, but also public confidence and the integrity of the election process in the states whose electors were appointed in the manner prescribed by the Constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature calls upon the legislature of each state to ensure that each of the electors appointed by that state are appointed in the manner prescribed by the United States Constitution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature finds that a controversy exists between the State of Alaska and each state that has appointed, or is in the process of appointing, presidential electors in a manner contrary to the manner prescribed by the United State Constitution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature calls upon the Acting Attorney General of the State of Alaska, in consultation with the attorneys general of other similarly situated states, to immediately file suit within the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, against the states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin, and any other state that persists in appointing presidential electors contrary to the manner prescribed by the United States Constitution, so that the Supreme Court of the United States may declare which, if any, of these states has appointed its electors in a manner contrary to the manner prescribed by the United States Constitution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature calls upon the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, in consultation with the delegations in Congress of each of the several states, to object and steadfastly oppose the counting of any vote for President and Vice-President of the United States cast by an elector who was not appointed in the manner prescribed by

the United States Constitution.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor of the State of Alaska, Ed Sniffen, Acting Attorney General for the State of Alaska, and the presiding officers of the legislature in each of the several states.