



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution # 2

For the State of Alaska to Lower the Minimum Voting Age to 16 in Municipal Elections

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

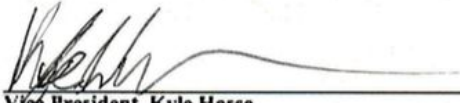
- 1. Whereas,** Alaska Statute 15.05.010: Voter Qualifications states “A person may vote in any election who...(2) is 18 years of age or older...”;¹³
- 2. Whereas,** the earlier one votes, the easier it becomes a habit for life ¹
- 3. Whereas,** Austria, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Ecuador, Bosnia, Nicaragua, Guernsey, Isle of Mann, Estonia, Scotland, Malta, and Jersey have a minimum voting age of 16 years of age;²
- 4. Whereas,** Takoma Park, Maryland and Hyattsville, Maryland have changed their voting age to sixteen years of age or older;³
- 5. Whereas,** civic participation is proven to have a “trickle-up” effect in communities;⁴
- 6. Whereas,** extending voting rights to people after they turn 16 promotes higher turnout for first-time voters in all age groups;⁵
- 7. Whereas,** 16 and 17 year olds can be tried and prosecuted as adults;¹⁴

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that the State of Alaska lowers the minimum voting age to 16 in municipal elections.

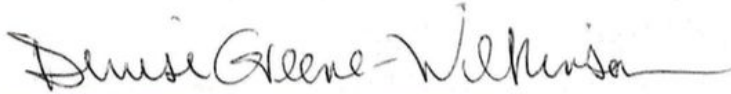
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Vice President, Kyle Hasse

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Executive Director, Denise Greene-Wilkinson