



**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Executive Board Resolution  
AASG's Stance on Alaska's House Bill 21  
Submitted by: AASG Executive Board  
March 25, 2025**

**Be it Resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports House Bill 21:

1. **Whereas**, House Bill 21 is “An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age; and relating to confidentiality of voter registration and preregistration records of minors at least 16 years of age”; <sup>1</sup>
2. **Whereas**, part of AASG’s mission statement is to “provide leadership training, communication, and a student voice of issues at the local, state, and national levels;”
3. **Whereas**, AASG’s goal is to make youth voices heard and increase civic engagement. Increasing young voter turnout aligns with that goal;
4. **Whereas**, In 2020, the 18 to 24 age group had the lowest voting age category at 51.4% voter turnout. In comparison, turnout was highest among those ages 65 to 74 at 76.0%; <sup>2</sup>
5. **Whereas**, Alaska's voter turnout in the 2024 primary election was on pace to be the third lowest in the past 50 years, with only 17.5% of voters participating, showing a concerning trend of declining civic engagement among eligible voters;<sup>3</sup>
6. **Whereas**, House Bill 21 attempts to increase young adult voter turnout by making pre-registration available at 16 instead of our current policy of permitting those under 18 to register anytime within 90 days before they turn 18;
7. **Whereas**, being able to pre-register at a younger age would eliminate the time constraints of an 18-year-old with currently only 90 days of pre-registration time;
8. **Whereas**, House Bill 21 will allow students to be more involved and better represent the 18-24 age category;

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports Alaska’s House Bill 21.

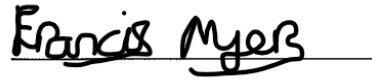
**Action Statement:** if passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be brought to the Alaska Legislature as well as Representative Andi Story's office for their consideration.

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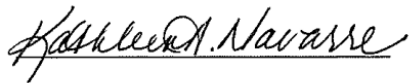
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4. Resolution #9 from Fall 2023 West-Valley Conference

*Resolution passes with unanimous consent*

Passed by the Spring 2025 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Sitka High School and Mt  
Edgecumbe High School

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AASG Vice President, Francis Myers

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre