

**Editorial—**

# **The Vote for 18-year-olds**

The five constitutional amendments offered for primary election vote were all victorious. They have been certified by the Secretary of State and will become effective 30 days after certification which will be on October 10.

One of the amendments was Ballot No. 1 that was voted in giving 18-year-old young adults the right to vote. This is a privilege that was never before given that age group. They can now register to vote in the November 3 general election.

This is a privilege that should be strongly taken advantage of by all 18-year-olds, whites, Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos. The native leadership, whether it be statewide, regional and village level should strongly urge their young people to register so they can take part in the affairs of their governments at all levels.

This opportunity should be a profitable one votewise in the native areas of the state. Based on the family unit level, there should be quite a few more 18-year-olds among native families because the family units tend to be much more in number than that of the non-native family unit. Viewing it from this standpoint, the native voting power should be substantially strengthened.

The native leadership should view the 18-year-old vote addition as a definitely worthwhile project to work on because of its potentially beneficial returns on matters of political issues.

The 18-year-olds, and those who have not yet registered, have until October 20 to take advantage of the privilege.