

Hickel Urged to Run Again

Alaskans signing petitions to draft Walter J. Hickel as a candidate for governor and Frank Murkowski as a candidate for lieutenant governor in the 1978 election have now passed the 2,000 mark in the early days of a volunteer, door-to-door campaign in several Alaskan cities.

As of Sept. 15, 2,113 Alaskans have endorsed the draft movement launched by the Spirit of Alaska Committee.

The Spirit of Alaska is an organization supporting potential candidates for office who will give the State a "new, positive direction." It was formed on Aug. 1. The Committee statewide hopes to gain 10,000 signatures.

In Juneau, 30 local citizens have organized a satellite committee thus joining similar chapters in Ketchikan, Sitka and Anchorage.