

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER, Vance

Introduced: 3/3/21

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**1 **"An Act relating to filling a vacancy in the legislature by appointment."**2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.40.320 is amended to read:4 **Sec. 15.40.320. Condition and time for filling vacancy by appointment.**

5 When a vacancy occurs in the state legislature, the governor, within 30 days, shall
6 appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. However, [IF THE REMAINDER OF
7 THE TERM OF THE PREDECESSOR IN OFFICE WILL EXPIRE OR IF A
8 VACANCY IN THE STATE SENATE WILL BE FILLED BY A SPECIAL
9 ELECTION BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE WILL NEXT MEET, CONVENE, OR
10 RECONVENE,] the governor may not fill the vacancy **if**

11 **(1) the remainder of the term of the predecessor in office will**
12 **expire within 30 days after the vacancy occurs; or**

13 **(2) a vacancy in the state senate will be filled by a special election**
14 **before the legislature will next meet, convene, or reconvene.**