

**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.**