

**SENATE BILL NO. 166**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS DONLEY, Taylor

Introduced: 3/28/01

Referred: Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to the time of filling by appointment a vacancy in the office of United**  
2    **States senator."**

3    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4        \* **Section 1.** AS 15.40.010 is amended to read:

5               **Sec. 15.40.010. Conditions and time of filling vacancy by appointment and**  
6        **special election.** When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator, the  
7        governor, **at least five days after the date of the vacancy but** within 30 days after  
8        the date of the vacancy, shall

9                       (1) appoint a qualified person who, if the predecessor in office was  
10       nominated by a political party, has been, for the six months before the date of the  
11       vacancy, and is, on the date of appointment, a member of the same political party as  
12       that which nominated the predecessor in office to fill the vacancy temporarily until the  
13       vacancy is filled permanently by election; and

14                      (2) by proclamation and subject to this chapter, call a special primary

1 election and a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the  
2 predecessor in office if the predecessor's term would expire more than 30 calendar  
3 months after the date of the vacancy.