

SENATE BILL NO. 307

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to conditions for filling vacancies in the office of United States
2 senator; and providing for an effective date."

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.**

6 When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator, the governor, within 30
7 days, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. **The person appointed by**
8 **the governor shall be of the same political party as that which nominated the**
9 **predecessor in office.** However, if the remainder of the term of the predecessor in
10 office will expire or if the vacancy will be filled by a special election before the
11 **United States** senate will next meet, convene, or reconvene, the governor may not fill
12 the vacancy.

13 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).