

**HOUSE BILL NO. 492**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG**

**Introduced: 2/16/04**  
**Referred:**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to temporary appointments to fill vacancies in the office of United**  
2 **States 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 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 15.40.145. Temporary appointment.** When a vacancy occurs in the  
6 office of United States senator, the governor may appoint a qualified person to fill the  
7 vacancy temporarily until the results of the special election called to fill the vacancy  
8 are certified.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **CONTINGENT EFFECT.** This Act takes effect only if the initiative scheduled to  
12 appear on the November 2004 general election ballot requiring that vacancies in the office of  
13 United States senator be filled by special election in the same manner that vacancies in the  
14 office of United States representative are filled is adopted by the voters, or if a bill passed by

1 the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature that is substantially similar to that initiative is  
2 enacted into law and voids the initiative.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** If this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the effective date of the initiative or Act  
4 specified in sec. 2 of this Act.