

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the filling of  
7 vacancies in the Legislature."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 Section 1. VACANCY IN THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENT-  
10 ATIVES. A vacancy in the State Senate or House of Represent-  
11 atives shall be filled for the unexpired term by the district  
12 committee representing the same political party and district  
13 as the person whose office has become vacant. Such vacancy  
14 shall be filled within thirty days from the time it occurs.

15 Sec. 2. TERM OF OFFICE IN SENATE. The person appointed  
16 to a vacancy in the Senate shall serve until the next succeeding  
17 general election. At said election the office shall be filled  
18 for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, in the manner  
19 provided for in the election of members to the Legislature.

20 Sec. 3. DISTRICT COMMITTEES. If the person whose office  
21 becomes vacant represents a political party which does not have  
22 a district committee, then the vacancy shall be filled by the  
23 state committee of the same political party.

24 If the person whose office becomes vacant represents a  
25 political party which has no state committee or if he does not  
26 represent a political party and is designated as an independent,  
27 then the vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the period  
28 specified in Section 2.

29 Sec. 4. DEFINITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES The terms

1 "representing the same political party" or words of similar  
2 import as used in this Act mean the political party which  
3 nominated the person whose office has subsequently become vacant.

4 Sec. 5. Sec. 38-8-3, ACLA 1949, is hereby repealed.  
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