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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

HOUSE BILL NO. 259

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the succession to the offices of governor and secretary of state; amending Ch. 174, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. Sec. 4, Ch. 174, SLA 1959, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. In the event the regularly elected secretary of state succeeds to the office of governor as provided in the Constitution of the State of Alaska and thereafter, during the same regular gubernatorial term, the office of governor again becomes vacant, the appointed secretary of state shall succeed to the office of acting governor and shall call a special election as provided in the Alaska Election Code. [FOR THE INTERIM UNTIL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO ELECT A GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL BE HELD, WHICH ELECTION SHALL BE HELD WITHIN NOT LESS THAN SIXTY NOR MORE THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER SUCH VACANCY OCCURS.]

Sec. 2. Sec. 5, Ch. 174, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. If vacancies in the office of governor and the office of secretary of state occur simultaneously, the person appointed pursuant to Sec. 2 of this Act shall succeed directly to the office of acting governor and shall call a

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special election as provided in the Alaska Election Code.

[UNTIL SUCCESSORS TO THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES ARE ELECTED IN A SPECIAL ELECTION, WHICH SHALL BE HELD WITHIN NOT LESS THAN SIXTY NOR MORE THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF SUCH VACANCIES IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.]

Sec. 3. Secs. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Ch. 174, SLA 1959, are repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act is effective on the day after its passage and approval or upon the date it becomes law without such approval.