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1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR BRONSON

2 SENATE BILL NO. 119

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the filling of a vacancy
7 in the legislature."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.40.330 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 15.40.330. QUALIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF
11 APPOINTEE. (a) The appointee shall meet the qualifications
12 of a member of the legislature as prescribed in sec. 2, art.
13 II of the state constitution, shall be a member of the same
14 political party as that which nominated the predecessor in
15 office, and shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of
16 the members of the legislature who are members of the same
17 political party which nominated the predecessor in office
18 and of the same house as was the predecessor in office. If
19 the predecessor in office was not nominated by a political
20 party or if no other member of his political party is a
21 member of his house of the legislature, the governor may
22 appoint any qualified person. If the appointee is not a
23 member of a political party, the appointment is not subject
24 to confirmation. If the appointee is a member of a political
25 party, the appointment is subject to confirmation as provided
26 by this section for the confirmation of political party
27 appointees.

28 (b) A majority of the members of the political party
29 in the house which incurred the vacancy may affirm in open

1 N session that they wish to waive their confirmation rights
2 E under this section and delegate the responsibility to the
3 W political party organization which nominated the predecessor
4 in office. If the delegation of responsibility is made, the
5 floor leader of the party concerned shall certify to the
6 house the names of the political party leaders entitled to
7 M vote on the question. The presiding officer shall execute
8 A subpoenas to be served by the sergeant at arms upon the
9 T persons named directing them to appear before the house in
10 T session at a certain time. When the certified party
11 E officials appear they shall be polled in the presence of the
12 R house as to whether they confirm or reject the appointment.

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