

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. STEVENS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 141

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the appointment of a  
7 successor to the secretary of state; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.19.120 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 44.19.120. APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TO SECRETARY  
12 OF STATE. After taking his initial term of office the  
13 governor shall appoint either the president of the senate or  
14 the speaker of the house of representatives to succeed the  
15 office of the secretary of state if that office becomes  
16 vacant. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a  
17 majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint  
18 session. The person designated and confirmed is next in line  
19 for succession to the office of the secretary of state, sub-  
20 ject to the pleasure of the governor. If the person  
21 designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the  
22 appointment, the governor shall appoint as a successor either  
23 one of the presiding officers of either house of the legis-  
24 lature or one of the officers who heads a principal depart-  
25 ment of state government subject to confirmation in the same  
26 manner as the person initially appointed.

27 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage  
28 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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