

Original sponsor: Rules Committee  
by request of the Governor

Offered: 4/22/69  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for sequential successors to the  
7 offices of governor and secretary of state; and pro-  
8 viding for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 44.19.120 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 44.19.120. APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

12 After taking his initial term of office, the governor shall appoint,  
13 from among the officers who head the principal departments of the state  
14 government [OR OTHERWISE], a person to succeed to the office of secre-  
15 tary of state if the office of secretary of state becomes vacant. The  
16 appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members  
17 of the legislature meeting in joint session. The person designated  
18 and confirmed is next in line for succession to the office of secretary  
19 of state, subject to the pleasure of the governor. If the person  
20 designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the appointment,  
21 the governor shall appoint a successor subject to confirmation in the  
22 same manner as the person initially appointed.

23 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.19.140 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 44.19.140. SPECIAL ELECTION IN CASE OF SECOND VACANCY IN  
25 OFFICE OF GOVERNOR. If the regularly elected secretary of state  
26 succeeds to the office of governor as provided in the constitution and  
27 thereafter, during the same regular gubernatorial term, the office of  
28 governor again becomes vacant, the appointed secretary of state succeed  
29 to the office of acting governor, and the person appointed under sec.

1 130 of this chapter succeeds to the office of acting secretary of state,  
2 until a special election to elect a governor and secretary of state is  
3 held.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.19.150 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 44.19.150. SIMULTANEOUS VACANCIES. If vacancies in the  
6 office of governor and the office of secretary of state occur simul-  
7 taneously, the person appointed under sec. 120 or sec. 130 of this  
8 chapter succeeds directly to the office of acting governor, and the  
9 speaker of the house or the house minority leader, whichever is in the  
10 same political party as the person elected governor, succeeds to the  
11 office of acting secretary of state, until successors to the respective  
12 offices are elected in a special election. If simultaneous vacancies  
13 occur and the person appointed under sec. 120 or sec. 130 of this  
14 chapter is unable to serve as acting governor, the speaker of the house  
15 or the house minority leader, whichever is in the same political party  
16 as the person elected governor, succeeds directly to the office of  
17 acting governor until successors to the respective offices are elected  
18 in a special election. If the speaker or minority leader, as appropri-  
19 ate, is unable to serve as acting secretary of state or as acting  
20 governor, the president of the senate or the senate minority leader,  
21 whichever is in the same political party as the person elected governor  
22 succeeds to the respective offices under the same circumstances as the  
23 speaker.

24 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval  
25 or on the day it becomes law without approval.