

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 229

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the filling of vacancies in the
7 state legislature by appointment; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 15.40.320 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15.40.320. CONDITION AND TIME FOR FILLING VACANCY BY
12 APPOINTMENT. When a vacancy occurs in the state legislature, the
13 governor, within 30 days, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the
14 vacancy. The appointment shall be made from among a list of at least
15 three nominees submitted by the official political party organization
16 in the election district represented by, and of the same political
17 party as, the predecessor in office. If the predecessor in office was
18 not nominated by a political party or if no other member of his
19 political party is a member of his house of the legislature, the governor
20 may appoint any qualified person without reference to a list of
21 nominees submitted by the district party organization. However, if the
22 remainder of the term of the predecessor in office will expire or if a
23 vacancy in the state senate will be filled by a special election before
24 the legislature will next meet, convene or reconvene, the governor shall
25 not fill the vacancy.

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