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1 IN THE HOUSE

CS HOUSE BILL NO. 460

2 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

3 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

4 A BILL

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6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to succession to the office of
7 lieutenant governor; and providing for an effective
8 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 AS 44.19.120 is repealed and re-enacted to read: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. SUCCESSOR TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. (a) The order
12 of succession to the office of lieutenant governor shall be as follows:

13 (1) the speaker of the house;

14 (2) the president of the senate;

15 (3) an appointee of the governor from among the officers
16 who head the principal departments of state government, that person to
17 be designated by the governor after taking his initial term of office.

18 (b) The person designated under (a)(3) of this section is subject
19 to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting
20 in joint session. If the person designated and confirmed is removed
21 from or vacates the appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor
22 subject to confirmation in the same manner as the person initially
23 appointed.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19.130 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 44.19.130. SUCCESSION TO OFFICE. If a vacancy occurs in the
26 office of governor and the regularly elected lieutenant governor suc-
27 ceeds to the office of governor as provided by art. III, sec. 11, of the
28 constitution, or if the office of lieutenant governor otherwise becomes
29 vacant, the person designated as next successor to the office of

1 lieutenant governor as provided in sec. 120 of this chapter succeeds
2 to the office of lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term
3 vacated, or until a special election is held. When the person appointed
4 under sec. 120(a)(3) of this chapter succeeds to the office of lieuten-
5 ant governor, the governor shall appoint a person to succeed to the
6 office of lieutenant governor in case of a subsequent vacancy.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 44.19.140 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 44.19.140. SPECIAL ELECTION IN CASE OF SECOND VACANCY IN
9 OFFICE OF GOVERNOR. If the regularly elected lieutenant governor
10 succeeds to the office of governor as provided in the constitution and
11 thereafter, during the same regular gubernatorial term, the office of
12 governor again becomes vacant, the designated [APPOINTED] lieutenant
13 governor succeeds to the office of acting governor until a special
14 election to elect a governor and lieutenant governor is held.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 44.19.150 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 44.19.150. SIMULTANEOUS VACANCIES. If vacancies in the
17 office of governor and the office of lieutenant governor occur simul-
18 taneously, the person designated [APPOINTED] under sec. 120 of this
19 chapter in the order named succeeds directly to the office of acting
20 governor until successors to the respective offices are elected in a
21 special election.

22 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
23 070(c).