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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 606

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to appointments to vacancies in the  
7 office of United States senator."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 15.40.010 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 15.40.010. CONDITIONS AND TIME OF FILLING VACANCY BY APPOINT-  
11 MENT. (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator,  
12 a qualified person shall be appointed within 30 days to fill the  
13 vacancy unless the remainder of the term of the predecessor in office  
14 will expire or the vacancy will be filled by a special election before  
15 the senate will next meet, convene or reconvene. The person appointed  
16 shall be a member of the same political party as the person who vacated  
17 the office. If the person vacating the office was not nominated by a  
18 political party any qualified person may be appointed.

19 (b) If the governor is a member of the same political party as  
20 the person who vacated the office, or if the person vacating the office  
21 was not elected as a member of a political party, the governor shall  
22 appoint a replacement.

23 (c) If the person who vacated the office was elected as a member  
24 of a different political party from that of the governor the governor  
25 shall appoint a replacement from the lists submitted to him by the party  
26 district conventions of the party of the person vacating the office.

27 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

28 Sec. 15.40.015. PARTY DISTRICT CONVENTIONS TO PREPARE LISTS. When  
29 a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator each of the

1 party district conventions of the party to which the person vacating the  
2 office was a member, may, within 15 days following the vacancy, submit  
3 to the governor a list containing two names it proposes as nominees to  
4 fill the vacancy. "Party district convention" means the political party  
5 convention that performs the policy function on an intermediate regional  
6 basis representing an area larger than the precinct or city and smaller  
7 than the state.

8 Sec. 15.40.016. PLAN FILED WITH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Each state  
9 party central committee shall maintain on file with the office of the  
10 lieutenant governor the plan which defines the party districts for use  
11 in implementation of secs. 10 and 20 of this chapter.  
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