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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 673

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 judicial appointments."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 22.15.170(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The governor shall fill a vacancy in the office of district  
10 judge within 45 days after receiving nominations from the judicial  
11 council by appointing one of two or more persons nominated by the  
12 [JUDICIAL] council for each vacant position. The judicial council shall  
13 determine the city within a judicial district where the district judge  
14 is to sit.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.170(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) Vacancies for [JUDGES AND] magistrates shall be filled in the  
17 same manner as appointments. The office of a district court judge be-  
18 comes vacant 90 days after the election at which he is rejected by a  
19 majority of those voting on the question, or for which he failed to file  
20 his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself. A vacancy in the  
21 office also occurs by reason of the death, retirement, resignation, for-  
22 feiture or removal from office of a judge. In the event of any vacancy  
23 other than an initial vacancy, or immediately upon certification of  
24 rejection following an election, or immediately upon failure of a judge  
25 to file a declaration of candidacy, the judicial council may meet within  
26 30 days thereafter and submit to the governor the names of two or more  
27 persons nominated to fill each vacancy. A successor to the office of  
28 district court judge may be appointed by the governor no more than 60  
29 days before the vacancy occurs, if the reason for the vacancy is other

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than death, and the appointment becomes effective upon the vacancy  
occurring.