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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act regulating succession to the office of lieu-

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tenant governor and providing for an acting gover-

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.19.040 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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Sec. 44.19.040. SUCCESSION TO OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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(a) After taking office, the governor shall appoint an individual to

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succeed to the office of lieutenant governor if the office of lieuten-

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ant governor becomes vacant. The appointment is subject to confirma-

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tion by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint

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session and the individual serves at the pleasure of the governor. An

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individual designated and confirmed under this subsection is next in

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line for succession to the office of lieutenant governor. If an

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individual designated and confirmed is removed from or vacates the

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appointment, the governor shall appoint a successor.

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(b) If, after taking office, the governor has not made an ap-

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pointment or has appointed an individual under (a) of this section but

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the legislature has not confirmed the appointment or if the appoint-

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ment has been confirmed and the individual is removed or vacates the

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appointment, individuals nominated by the governor to head the prin-

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cipal departments of the state government shall succeed to the office

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of lieutenant governor in the following sequence:

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(1) the attorney general;

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(2) the commissioner of administration;

- 1 (3) the commissioner of revenue;
- 2 (4) the commissioner of natural resources;
- 3 (5) the commissioner of commerce and economic development;
- 4 (6) the commissioner of public safety;
- 5 (7) the commissioner of transportation and public facili-
- 6 ties;
- 7 (8) the commissioner of health and social services;
- 8 (9) the commissioner of community and regional affairs;
- 9 (10) the commissioner of labor;
- 10 (11) the commissioner of environmental conservation;
- 11 (12) the adjutant general.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19. is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 44.19.041. ACTING GOVERNOR. If a governor-elect and a
14 lieutenant governor-elect both fail to take office at the time set
15 under the constitution because of death, resignation, or disqualifica-
16 tion, the governor then in office is acting governor until successors
17 to the respective offices are elected in a special election and take
18 office.