

HB

377

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: February 4, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/26/98

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 377

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

FILLING LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

“An Act relating to filling a vacancy in the office of United States senator or in an office in the state legislature.”

recommends it be replaced [] the same title
 with the following committee substitute _____ [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee
 [] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
 [] fiscal note(s) _____ [] fiscal note(s) _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) GOV [] zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Jeannette James</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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REPRESENTATIVE MARK D. HODGINS
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 377

“An Act relating to filling a vacancy in the office of the United States Senator or in an office in the state legislature.”

In the past, vacancies which occurred between normal election cycles, the political party representing the predecessor made “recommendations” for appointment to that seat and the Governor usually made the appointments from that list of recommendations.

Recent history has shown that, at least in some states, this standard of partisan neutrality is being ignored. A governor from Ohio even went so far as to appoint himself to the senate seat. Although this may fall within the boundaries of law, clearly, it is inappropriate to advance your own political career by appointing yourself to higher office.

HB 377 states that the Governor shall make the appointment from a list of at least three qualified nominees submitted by the state organization that represents the political party of the predecessor.

HB 377 ensures that in the event a vacancy occurs in the United States Senate or in the state legislature, the citizens of Alaska who elected the predecessor to office, will continue to have their political philosophy represented by someone of their choosing.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Jeannette James

FROM: Representative Mark ~~Loggins~~ *Loggins*

RE: HB - 377 An act relating to filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or in an office in the State Legislature.

DATE: February 6, 1998

I respectfully request that HB 377 be scheduled for hearing by the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Author: Shari_Kochman@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
Date: 2/12/98 2:24 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Barbara Cotting at LAA_TRANS
Subject: Re: fiscal notes

request is in
thanks

Reply Separator

Subject: fiscal notes
Author: Barbara_Cotting@legis.state.ak.us ("Barbara Cotting") at CC2MHS1
Date: 2/12/98 1:44 PM

I have scheduled the following bill for hearing in House State Affairs
on Thursday, February 19, and need fiscal notes:

HB 377, Filling Legislative Vacancies.

Thank you.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 377

Revision Date _____	Dept. Affected _____	Office of the Governor _____
Title <u>"An Act relating to filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or ... state legislature."</u>	BRU _____	<u>Executive Operations</u>
Sponsor <u>Representative Hodgins</u>	Component <u>Executive Office</u>	
Requester <u>House State Affairs</u>	Component Serial No. <u>6</u>	

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

HB 377 does not have fiscal impact on the Executive Office.

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Division <u>Administrative Services</u>	Date <u>2/12/98</u>
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