

**SB**

**307**

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: March 6, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/21/98

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

SB 307 am

SENATE BILL NO. 307 am

U.S. SENATE VACANCIES

"An Act relating to conditions for filling vacancies in the office of United States senator; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute HCSSB307(STA)  the same title  
 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) \_\_\_\_\_  zero fiscal note(s) NOV

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Jeannette James</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
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## Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 307 am

### **“An Act relating to conditions for filling vacancies to the office of United States Senator”**

Under current law, when a United States senate seat becomes vacant before the term is served, there is no requirement that the vacancy be filled by a person of the same party of the previous occupant. As a result, a governor may appoint whomever they choose, without regard to the position expressed by the voters in the previous election.

Passage of SB 307 am would establish a requirement that the person appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator shall be of the same political party as that which nominated the predecessor in office, and that the appointment be confirmed by the legislature. This amendment to AS 15.40.010 would bring the conditions for filling a vacancy for the office of United States Senator in line with the requirements for filling vacancies for the offices of State Representative and State Senator.

By changing this statute we can, as the states of Hawaii, Arizona and Utah have already done, ensure that the will of the voters, as expressed in the previous election, would not be subverted through the appointment of a person of a different party and philosophy than the individual the appointee is replacing.

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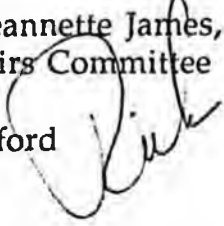
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TO: Representative Jeannette James, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Rick Halford 

DATE: March 6, 1998

RE: Scheduling of SB 307

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I would appreciate you scheduling SB 307 for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if you have any questions.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 307 am

Revision Date _____	Dept. Affected <u>Office of the Governor</u>	
Title <u>"An Act relating to conditions for filling vacancies in the office of the United States senator;..."</u>	BRU <u>Executive Operations</u>	
Sponsor <u>Senators Halford, et al</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						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

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Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This bill would not have fiscal impact on the Office of the Governor.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1  
Bill Version: SB307  
(S) Publish Date: 3/3/98

Revision Date (Note if correction) _____	Dept. Affected <u>Office of the Governor</u>
Title <u>Filling vacancies in the office of United</u>	BRU <u>Elective Operations</u>
States senator _____	Component <u>Elections</u>
Sponsor <u>Senator Halford</u>	
Requester <u>Senate Judiciary Committee</u>	Component Serial No. <u>#21</u>

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