

HOUSE BILL NO. 309 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Amended: 3/24/20

Introduced: 3/20/20

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments;**
2 **relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 TIME FOR CONFIRMING GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding
8 AS 39.05.080, for appointments presented by the governor during the Second Regular Session
9 of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature,

10 (1) the legislature shall, in joint session assembled, act on the appointments at
11 any time by confirming or declining to confirm the appointments by a majority vote of all of
12 the members on the appointments presented; and

13 (2) if the legislature does not act to confirm or decline to confirm an
14 appointment, the failure of the legislature to act to confirm or decline to confirm an

1 appointment presented is not tantamount to a declination of confirmation on the day the
2 Second Regular Session of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature adjourns.

3 (b) After the legislature meets in joint session assembled to act on the appointments
4 presented by the governor during, and after adjournment of, the Second Regular Session of
5 the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature, the failure of the legislature to act to confirm or
6 decline to confirm an appointment presented will be tantamount to a declination of
7 confirmation on the day the joint session adjourns.

8 (c) Notwithstanding AS 47.30.021(a), a member of the board of the Alaska Mental
9 Health Trust Authority whose term expires March 1, 2020, may not continue to serve until a
10 successor is confirmed. A person appointed to the board of the Alaska Mental Health Trust
11 Authority and presented to the legislature by the governor during the Second Regular Session
12 of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature shall serve as successor to a member whose
13 appointment expired on March 1, 2020, and exercise the functions, have the powers, and be
14 charged with the duties prescribed by law for the appointment pending confirmation or
15 declination under (a) or (b) of this section.

16 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).