Governor appoints Spohnholz to House

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper recently appointed former child care center operator Ann Spohnholz to the State House seat declared vacant in the aftermath of November's close election for the District 13 seat.

Currently a student at Alaska Pacific University, the 38-year-old Spohnholz also has been active in foster care, parent training and juvenile justice issues.

Cowper appointed Spohnholz following the recent state Supreme Court decision that the seat remain vacant until the dispute over the election between Democrat David Finkelstein and Republican Brad Bardley is settled. A new election for that seat is likely later this spring.