

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

By: Senators C. Tucker, *Gilmore*
By: Representatives McCullough, *Beaty Jr.*, *Ray*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A VACANCY ON A
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A VACANCY ON
A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-102(f), concerning the election of members of the county boards of election commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1)~~(A)~~ A vacancy on the county board of election commissioners shall be filled by ~~the election of a new member by the county committee of the appropriate party~~ an appointment by the county chair of the appropriate party until an election is held by the county committee to elect a new member to fill the remainder of the term.

(B) If the county committee of the appropriate party does not have a county chair, the appointment under subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this section shall be made by the state chair of the appropriate party.

(2)(A) The county committee shall elect a new member within forty-five (45) days of a vacancy.

(B) If the county committee fails to elect a new member within forty-five (45) days of a vacancy, the state chair of the appropriate party shall appoint a new member to the county board of election



commissioners.

(C) The state chair of the appropriate party may appoint the same person under subdivision (f)(1) of this section and subdivision (f)(2)(B) of this section.

/s/C. Tucker

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