

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 317

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES; TO ALLOW CERTAIN UNOPPOSED ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES; AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN UNOPPOSED ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-105(c), concerning special elections to fill vacancies, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) If after the special primary election or special runoff election, there is only one (1) candidate in the special election to fill the vacancy and no write-in candidate has filed notice, the Governor shall within thirty (30) days of the latter of the special primary election or special runoff election by proclamation cancel the general election and declare the candidate elected.

(2) The candidate under subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be sworn in immediately upon execution and filing of the proclamation with the Secretary of State.

(d) A special election for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor shall not be held if:



(1) The vacancy occurs less than ten (10) months before the next scheduled general election;

(2) The office of Lieutenant Governor would in regular course be filled at the next scheduled general election; and

(3) The Governor determines that the cost of holding a special election for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor less than ten (10) months before the office will be filled at the next scheduled general election is impractical because of the timing of the vacancy.