

Subject Legislative special election timeline

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Overview

This bill extends the allowable length of the special election cycle for a vacant legislative seat by two weeks, in cases where the special election is expedited in order to seat the person elected immediately to allow that person's participation in a legislative session.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Special election when legislature will be in session.</p> <p>Allows an additional two weeks between the time the governor issues a writ of special election and the time a special election must be held to fill a vacancy legislative seat, when the election must be held in time for the person to be seated during a legislative session. Under current law, the special election must be conducted no more than 35 days after the governor's writ. As provided in this section, the special election must be conducted no more than 49 days after the governor's writ.</p> <p>A corresponding change to the period during which this requirement applies is also included in this section.</p>
2	<p>Notice of special election.</p> <p>Extends the required notices of a special election to fill a vacant legislative seat by an additional week. Under current law, notice of a special primary must be posted at least seven days before the primary, and notice of a special election must be posted at least 14 days before the election. Those notices are extended to 14 days and 21 days, respectively.</p>
3	<p>Time of filing.</p> <p>Requires affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for a special election held to fill a vacant legislative office to be filed one week earlier. Under current law, filings are required at least 14 days before the special primary. Under this bill, filings are required 21 days before the primary.</p>

Section	Description
4	Effective date. Provides that the changes in this bill are effective and apply to special elections held on or after August 1, 2019.



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