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A Bill

SENATE BILL 317

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTIONS
9 TO FILL VACANCIES; TO ALLOW CERTAIN UNOPPOSED ELECTED
10 OFFICIALS TO TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
11 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-105(c), concerning special elections to
25 fill vacancies, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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