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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 82**  
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections, March 14, 2013, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the lieutenant governor, with an emergency clause.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 26.226, to read as follows:

**26.226. In case of death, resignation, removal from office, conviction after impeachment, or vacancy from any cause in the office of lieutenant governor, the governor shall, within thirty days, issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term in which such vacancy occurred and until the successor is elected, commissioned, and qualified. Such election shall be held within three months of the date of issuance of the writ. The candidates for the election shall be nominated and placed on the ballot in accordance with the provisions of sections 115.305 to 115.405. In the case of impeachment, the office shall remain vacant until such impeachment is determined. If acquitted, the lieutenant governor shall be reinstated in office. During any period of time when the office of lieutenant governor is vacant, the chief administrative assistant of the vacating lieutenant governor shall perform all official duties during the period of such vacancy.**

Section B. Because of the need to determine how to fill a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution,

5 and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and  
6 approval.

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