

# UNITED STATES SENATOR MIDTERM VACANCY AMENDMENTS

## 2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Merrill F. Nelson**

## Senate Sponsor:

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## LONG TITLE

### **General Description:**

10 This bill amends provisions relating to temporarily filling a midterm vacancy in the  
11 United States Senate.

## 12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14           ▶ modifies requirements relating to the governor's appointment of a temporary  
15 replacement to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate.

## 16 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

17 None

## 18 Other Special Clauses:

19 None

## 20 Utah Code Sections Affected:

## 21 AMENDS:

22 20A-1-502, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 1

24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section **20A-1-502** is amended to read:

26                   **20A-1-502. Midterm vacancies in office of United States representative or**  
27                   **senator.**



28                   (1) When a vacancy occurs for any reason in the office of a representative in Congress,  
29 the governor shall issue a proclamation calling an election to fill the vacancy.

30                   (2) (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of U.S. senator, [it] the vacancy shall be  
31 filled for the unexpired term at the next regular general election.

32                   (b) The governor shall appoint ~~[a person to serve as U.S. senator until the vacancy is~~  
33 ~~filled by election from one of three persons nominated by the state central committee of the~~  
34 ~~same]~~ one of three individuals nominated by the Legislature, who are members of the same  
35 state political party as the prior officeholder, to serve as United States senator until the vacancy  
36 is filled by election.