

IC 3-13-3

Chapter 3. Vacancies in Federal Offices

IC 3-13-3-1

United States Senate; appointment to fill vacancy; special election

Sec. 1. (a) A vacancy that occurs, other than by resignation, in the United States Senate shall be certified to the governor by the secretary of state.

(b) The governor shall immediately fill a vacancy in the United States Senate by appointing a person possessing the qualifications required under Article 1, Section 3, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States. The person appointed holds office until the next general election, when the vacancy shall be filled by the election of a Senator in a special election to hold office for the unexpired term.

(c) If a vacancy in the United States Senate occurs after noon on the date the election division is required to certify general election candidates to each county election board under IC 3-8-7-16, the person appointed under subsection (b) holds office until the vacancy is filled in a special election held at the time of the next general election following the general election for which the candidate certification had been issued under IC 3-8-7-16.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.428; P.L.10-1989, SEC.18; P.L.194-2013, SEC.90.

IC 3-13-3-2

United States House of Representatives; special election

Sec. 2. (a) A vacancy that occurs, other than by resignation, in the United States House of Representatives shall be certified to the governor by the circuit court clerk of the county in which the Representative resided.

(b) A special election shall be held to fill a vacancy in the United States House of Representatives in accordance with IC 3-10-8.

As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.429.