

REFERENCE TITLE: congressional vacancy; election date

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# **SB 1193**

Introduced by  
Senator Gray C

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-222, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTION DATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-222. Vacancy in the office of United States senator or  
5 representative

6 A. When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator or  
7 representative in Congress by reason of death or resignation, or from any  
8 other cause, the vacancy shall be filled at the next general election. At  
9 such election the person elected shall fill the unexpired term of the vacated  
10 office.

11 B. For a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress, if the  
12 next general election is not to be held within six months from the date of  
13 the occurrence of the vacancy, the governor shall call a special primary  
14 election and a special general election to fill the vacancy. The special  
15 primary election shall be held no less than ~~seventy-five~~ SIXTY nor more than  
16 ~~one hundred five~~ NINETY days after the occurrence of the vacancy, and the  
17 special general election shall be held not less than ~~thirty-five~~ FIFTY nor  
18 more than ~~forty-five~~ SIXTY days after the special primary election.

19 C. For a vacancy in the office of United States senator, the governor  
20 shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy. That appointee shall be of the  
21 same political party as the person vacating the office and shall serve until  
22 the person elected at the next general election is qualified and assumes  
23 office.