

SB1271



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1271

Introduced 2/10/2009, by Sen. Rickey R. Hendon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/25-6.5 new

Amends the Election Code. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, provides that a vacancy in any elective State or local public office shall be filled at a special election if more than 6 months remain of the term of office and if the annual compensation for that office exceeds \$21,000. Requires that the election be held 2 months after the vacancy occurs and that candidate petitions be filed within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section
5 25-6.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/25-6.5 new)

7 Sec. 25-6.5. Special elections. Notwithstanding any
8 provision of law to the contrary, a vacancy in any elective
9 State or local public office that occurs more than 6 months
10 before expiration of the term of that office shall be filled at
11 a special election if the annual compensation for that office
12 is more than \$21,000. The special election shall be held 2
13 months after the date the vacancy occurred. Candidates for the
14 office must file nominating petitions within 30 days after the
15 date the vacancy occurred. The office shall be filled by the
16 candidate who receives the greatest number of votes at the
17 special election. That candidate shall take office as soon as
18 he or she receives certification of the election results and
19 shall serve the remainder of the vacated term.