

HB 1191 -- SPECIAL ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Chipman

This bill requires that a primary election be held in lieu of candidate nomination by a political party committee when a vacancy in office is currently to be filled by a special election. The primary election must be held on a Tuesday at least 45 days prior to the date of the special election using the filing procedures in Sections 115.305 to 115.359, RSMo.

A political party nominating committee may select a party candidate for nomination to an office on the primary election ballot preceding a general or special election only if there is no candidate selected by the new primary election process that can serve on the general election ballot. The deadlines currently used for general election selections under Sections 115.363, 115.367, and 115.373 must also be used for purposes of candidate selection in special elections by nominating committees in those instances when the nominations remain necessary.