

HB 2285 -- VACANCIES IN OFFICE

SPONSOR: Parkinson

This bill specifies a method for filling vacancies in certain statewide offices, including the Lieutenant Governor and any Senator of the United States. Vacancies will be filled by the Governor who must choose a candidate from a panel of three selected by the state central committee of the party to whom the incumbent official whose office is vacant belonged at the time of his or her initial election to the office. In cases of impeachment a statewide elected official is suspended until the trial is determined and either reinstated to office or, if convicted, then a vacancy is declared which is filled under the bill's requirements.

This bill contains an emergency clause.