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The Committee on Judiciary (Campbell) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 48, line 8, through
page 49, line 30, delete those lines

and insert:

(4)(a) In the event that death, resignation, withdrawal, removal, or any other cause or event should cause a party to have a vacancy in nomination which leaves no candidate for an office from such party, the Governor shall, after conferring with the Secretary of State, call a special primary election and, if necessary, a second special primary election to select for such office a nominee of such political party. The dates on which candidates may qualify for such special primary election shall be fixed by the Department of State, and the candidates shall qualify no later than noon of the last day so fixed. The filing of campaign expense statements by candidates in special primaries shall not be later than such dates as shall be fixed by the Department of

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1 State. In fixing such dates, the Department of State shall
2 take into consideration and be governed by the practical time
3 limitations. The qualifying fees and party assessment of such
4 candidates as may qualify shall be the same as collected for
5 the same office at the last previous primary for that office.
6 Each county canvassing board shall make as speedy a return of
7 the results of such primaries as time will permit, and the
8 Elections Canvassing Commission shall likewise make as speedy
9 a canvass and declaration of the nominees as time will permit.

10 (b) If the vacancy in nomination occurs later than
11 September 15, or if the vacancy in nomination occurs with
12 respect to a candidate of a minor political party which has
13 obtained a position on the ballot, no special primary election
14 shall be held and the Department of State shall notify the
15 chair of the appropriate state, district, or county political
16 party executive committee of such party; and, within 7 days,
17 the chair shall call a meeting of his or her executive
18 committee to consider designation of a nominee to fill the
19 vacancy. The name of any person so designated shall be
20 submitted to the Department of State within 14 days after of
21 notice to the chair in order that the person designated may
22 have his or her name printed or otherwise placed on the ballot
23 of the ensuing general election, but in no event shall the
24 supervisor of elections be required to place on a ballot a
25 name submitted less than 21 days prior to the election. If
26 the vacancy occurs less than 21 days prior to the election,
27 the person designated by the political party will replace the
28 former party nominee even though the former party nominee's
29 name shall appear ~~will be~~ on the ballot. Any ballots cast for
30 the former party nominee will be counted for the person
31 designated by the political party to replace the former party

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1 nominee. If there is no opposition to the party nominee, the
2 person designated by the political party to replace the former
3 party nominee will be elected to office at the general
4 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "district
5 political party executive committee" means the members of the
6 state executive committee of a political party from those
7 counties comprising the area involving a district office.

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