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Overview

This bill makes miscellaneous technical corrections and clarifications to the laws governing election administration.

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- 1** **Appointments to fill vacancies; special elections.** Clarifies that a person elected to fill a vacant school board shall be seated immediately after receiving the certificate of election, filling the appropriate bond, and taking the oath of office.
- 2** **Write-in candidates.** Sets a time-of-day deadline for write-in candidates to request that their votes be counted. The deadline for making this request is seven days prior to the election. Consistent with other recent changes in election law, this section requires that the request be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for making the request.
- 3** **Partisan office; vacancy in nomination.** Corrects an erroneous cross-reference related to vacancies in nomination for partisan office.
- 4** **Notice to voters.** Updates a cross-reference to reflect changes made in 2016 related to procedures for moving a polling place in the event of an emergency.
- 5-6** **State canvass.** Permits the state canvassing board to meet in any public meeting space within the capitol complex area, rather than requiring the board to meet “at the secretary of state’s office.”
- 7** **Date of election.** Modifies the deadline for a city to determine whether to conduct its municipal general election in an even-numbered year or odd-numbered year. Instead of a

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June 1 deadline, the city would be required to make this determination at least 180 days prior to the first day for candidate filing.

This change conforms the law to other similar changes enacted following the shift in the date of the state primary from September to August.

- 8** **Vacancies in school district office.** Updates a cross-reference to reflect changes in law related to filling school board vacancies.
- 9** **Form of presidential ballots.** Provides technical modifications to the way presidential election ballots are printed.