

Subject County board vacancies

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Overview

Under current law, a vacancy on the county board must be filled by special election if a year or more remains in the unexpired term. For shorter periods of vacancy, the county board may fill a vacancy by appointment or by special election. Under a change in the law in 2017, a special election may take place only on the second Tuesday in February, the second Tuesday in April, the second Tuesday in May, the second Tuesday in August, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

If the vacancy is to be filled by special election, the bill allows the county board to fill the vacancy by appointment until the winner of the special election takes office. It requires a public hearing on the proposed appointment.