

HB 681 -- Vacancies in Statewide Offices

Sponsor: Smith (150)

Currently, most statewide offices, except for the Office of the Governor, allow for a gubernatorial appointment when there is a vacancy in an office. This bill requires special elections to be held for vacancies in the offices of the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and State Treasurer. If there is an impeachment proceeding for one of these officers, the Governor will temporarily administer the duties of the office until the trial; and if there is a conviction, the special election process will be used to fill the vacancy.