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Committee Bill No. 5034

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-211 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) In case of a vacancy in the office of senator in Congress, the
4 Governor, [is empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment as
5 herein provided. If such vacancy occurs one hundred fifty or more
6 days prior to a state election, the appointee shall serve until the third
7 day of January following such election, and at such election there shall
8 be elected a senator in Congress to serve for the remaining portion, if
9 any, of the term vacated. If such vacancy occurs within less than one
10 hundred fifty days of a state election and the term vacated does not
11 expire on the third day of January following such election, the
12 appointee shall serve until the third day of January following the next
13 such election but one, and at such next election but one there shall be
14 elected a senator in Congress to serve for the remaining portion, if any,
15 of the term vacated. If such vacancy occurs within less than one

16 hundred fifty days of a state election and the term vacated expires on
17 the third day of January following, the appointee shall serve until such
18 third day of January] except as otherwise provided by law, shall, not
19 more than ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy, issue writs of
20 election directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks ordering
21 an election to be held on the sixtieth day after the issue of such writs
22 on a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, to fill such vacancy,
23 provided (1) if such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred
24 twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular
25 state or municipal election in November of any year, the Governor
26 shall so issue such writs on the sixtieth day before the day of such
27 regular election, ordering an election to be held on the day of such
28 regular election, (2) if such a vacancy occurs after the sixty-third day
29 before the day of a regular state election but before the regular state
30 election, the Governor shall not issue such writs and no election shall
31 be held under this section, unless the position vacated is that of
32 member-elect, in which case the Governor shall issue such writs and
33 an election shall be held as provided in this section, and (3) if a
34 primary for such office occurs pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
35 subdivision (1) of section 9-450, the Governor shall, not later than ten
36 days following the filing of a candidacy for nomination by a person
37 other than the party-endorsed candidate, issue new writs of election, in
38 place of those first issued pursuant to this section.

39 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
40 subsection (a) of this section to be conveyed to a state marshal, who
41 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
42 assistant clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs,
43 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the
44 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be
45 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be
46 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the
47 same manner as at a state election.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-211
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish the same method for filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator that is used to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Representative.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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