



General Assembly

***Proposed House Joint  
Resolution No. 59***

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
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***RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE  
CONSTITUTION FOR THE FILLING OF LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the Constitution of the state be amended to provide that  
2 whenever a vacancy occurs in a legislative district, which vacancy  
3 cannot be filled at a special election prior to adjournment sine die of a  
4 regular session of the General Assembly in an even-numbered year, (1)  
5 such vacancy shall remain until filled at the next regular election, and  
6 (2) for any special session of the General Assembly called between  
7 such adjournment sine die and the taking of the oath by the member-  
8 elect determined at such regular election, a majority of the delegates to  
9 the convention held for such office at the last state election shall  
10 appoint an individual to serve as an acting legislator for the limited  
11 purpose of voting on behalf of such district, which individual shall  
12 only receive compensation for such service at a per diem rate based on  
13 the minimum legislative salary.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that any legislative vacancy that cannot be filled before adjournment sine die in an even-numbered year remain until the next regular election, and that in such case an individual be appointed as acting legislator for the limited purpose of voting in any special session convened during such vacancy.