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An Act To Establish Special Elections To Fill United States Senate Vacancies

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §391, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 391. United States Senators

When there is a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, the Governor shall issue a proclamation declaring the vacancy and ordering a special primary election, which must be held no later than 100 days after the vacancy occurred, followed by a special election to fill the vacancy as provided in section 366.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that, when there is a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, the Governor is required to issue a proclamation declaring the vacancy and ordering a special primary election, which must be held no later than 100 days after the vacancy occurred, followed by a special election to fill the vacancy.