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HOUSE BILL NO. 1982

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KRATKY (Sponsor), COLONA, KOMO, BIERMANN, HODGES,
McDONALD, WALSH, VOGT, CORCORAN, MEADOWS, SHIVELY,
CARTER AND QUINN (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to vacancies in the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 21.135, to read as follows:

21.135. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any election
2 to fill a vacancy for either state representative or state senator, if the number of candidates
3 who have filed for the vacant office, including candidates who have filed a declaration of
4 intent to be a write-in candidate under chapter 115, is equal to the number of vacant
5 positions for such office to be filled by the election and if the only questions to be voted on
6 in the election are questions involving filling the unexpired term of a state representative
7 or state senator, no election shall be held for such office, and the candidate shall assume
8 the responsibilities of the office at the same time and in the same manner as if the candidate
9 had been elected.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.