

HB 731 -- VACANCIES IN OFFICE

SPONSOR: Chipman

This bill requires the Governor to issue writs of election within 30 days of notice of a vacancy or a resignation in the Senate or House of Representatives unless the term in office can be filled at a general election held within six months of the vacancy or resignation.

It also requires the political party Congressional District committees responsible for choosing nominees for election to the office of United States Representative in Congress in certain cases of vacancy in office to have only members that reside in the requisite congressional district. An ineligible member may be replaced by a vote of the political party committee from which they were designated as members of the Congressional District Committee and, if not replaced, then that position on the Congressional District Committee will be vacant for the nomination vote.

This bill is similar to HB 1694 and HB 2199 (2016).