

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

5 By: Senators C. Tucker, *Gilmore*
6 By: Representatives McCullough, *Beaty Jr.*, *Ray*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A VACANCY ON A
10 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A VACANCY ON
16 A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-102(f), concerning the election of
22 members of the county boards of election commissioners, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (f)(1)~~(A)~~ A vacancy on the county board of election commissioners
25 shall be filled by ~~the election of a new member by the county committee of~~
26 ~~the appropriate party~~ an appointment by the county chair of the appropriate
27 party until an election is held by the county committee to elect a new member
28 to fill the remainder of the term.

29 (B) If the county committee of the appropriate party does
30 not have a county chair, the appointment under subdivision (f)(1)(A) of this
31 section shall be made by the state chair of the appropriate party.

32 (2)(A) The county committee shall elect a new member within
33 forty-five (45) days of a vacancy.

34 (B) If the county committee fails to elect a new member
35 within forty-five (45) days of a vacancy, the state chair of the appropriate
36 party shall appoint a new member to the county board of election



1 commissioners.

2 (C) The state chair of the appropriate party may appoint
3 the same person under subdivision (f)(1) of this section and subdivision
4 (f)(2)(B) of this section.

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/s/C. Tucker

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