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HOUSE BILL NO. 1696

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 24.2-207 of the Code of Virginia, relating to filling vacancies in the United States Senate.

Patron—Marshall, D.W.

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 24.2-207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 24.2-207. Filling vacancies in Senate.

When any vacancy occurs in the representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the United States Senate, the Governor shall issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. The election shall be held on the next succeeding November general election date or, if the vacancy occurs within 120 days prior to that date, on the second succeeding November general election date. The Governor may make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy until the qualified voters fill the same by election. Upon receipt of written notification by a Senator or Senator-elect of his resignation as of a stated date, the Governor may immediately issue a writ to call the election. The Senator's or Senator-elect's resignation shall not be revocable after the date stated by him for his resignation or after the forty-fifth day before the date set for the special election.

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