

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 279
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	
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Impact:	SEB: Potential Savings

Research Analysis

The CS for SB 279 directs the Governor to fill a vacancy occurring in the office of a member of the U. S. Senate from Oklahoma within 30 days and to call a special election to fill the seat, unless it is in an even-numbered year and the term of the office expires in January of the following year. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will be ineligible to run for the office at special election. Finally, the bill includes a non-severability clause.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 279 in its current form modifies the method for replacing vacancies within Oklahoma's Congressional delegation. Officials for the State Election Board anticipate potential savings as a result of SB 279, due to the fact that the allowance of temporary appointments authorized by the measure, would reduce the need for special elections to fill such vacancies. Such vacancies are rare, therefore, the potential savings would not occur regularly. For this reason the measure is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.