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The FS for SB 279 modifies vacancy procedures for the office of United States Senator. The measure requires the Governor to appoint a person to fill a vacancy and call a special election within thirty days. If the vacancy occurs in an odd-numbered year and the vacant office is not scheduled to be filled for a full term at the regularly scheduled elections to be held the following year, the special Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections shall be held concurrently with the regularly scheduled statewide regular Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections the following year. If the vacancy occurs in an even-numbered year, the measure requires the elections to be held concurrently with the regularly scheduled statewide Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections in the next even-numbered year. If the vacant office is scheduled to be filled for a full term at the regularly scheduled elections to be held the following year, no special election shall be called.

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