## **Bill Summary** 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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## **Bill Analysis**

HB 2173 modifies procedures relating to filling a vacancy in the United States Senate. The measure requires a special election to be held for the seat at the next regularly scheduled statewide Primary, Runoff Primary, and General Election. If the vacancy occurs in an even numbered year on or before March 1, the special election, if necessary, shall be held that same year. If the vacancy is already scheduled to be filled for a full term at the next available regularly scheduled election, then no special election shall be called. When a vacancy occurs in the U.S. Senate for the state of Oklahoma, the governor has 30 days to appoint someone from a list of eligible nominees provided by the Speakers of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to hold the office until election and call a special election, if necessary.

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