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Bill Analysis

SB 959 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. The Governor is directed to appoint a person eligible to hold such office, who has been a registered voter of the party of the predecessor in Oklahoma for at least 5 years within 30 days of the vacancy occurring. The appointee shall not be eligible to run for the vacancy in the special election or regular election.

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