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H 399. US SENATE VACANCIES. Filed 3/4/09. *TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS WHEN VACANCIES IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE OCCUR.*

Amends GS 163-12 to require that when a United States Senate seat is vacated due to any reason other than the expiration of term, the special election to fill that vacancy must be held on a date fixed by the Governor that shall be within 90 days of when the vacancy occurs. Current law requires that the special election be held at the time of the first election for members of the General Assembly that is held more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. Also provides that if the vacancy occurs within 60 days of the mid-term general election at the end of the first two or first four years of the term, the special election may be held at any time within 60 days after that general election. Provides further that if the vacancy occurs after the first day of July in the last year of the term, no election will be held and the person appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy will serve for the remainder of the term. Mandates that candidates for the special election must be nominated by the state political party executive committees.

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