

HB 1326 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1326**

AN ACT relative to special elections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Long, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the governor to declare a special election to fill the office of state representative in a city ward or wards if the vacancy occurs between 56 and 77 days before a municipal primary.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to special elections.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Vacancy; State Representative. Amend RSA 661:8, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. Within 21 days after proof of a vacancy or a request that a vacancy be filled, the
3 governor, in the case of an executive council vacancy, or the governor and council, in the case of any
4 other vacancy, shall declare that there shall be a special election which shall be held as provided in
5 RSA 655:81 and 82 or as provided in RSA 661:8, III. ***Where a vacancy in the office of state
6 representative in a district consisting of either a city ward or several city wards occurs
7 between 56 and 77 days before a municipal primary, the governor shall declare the special
8 election within 24 hours of receipt of a request from the governing body of such city.***

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.