Filling Elected Official Vacancies in Arizona

U.S. Congress

**House of Representatives**

- **SPECIAL ELECTION HELD**
  - Nomination papers and petitions must be filed
  - Special General Election

- **Governor schedules a special primary and general election**

- **Winners of special general election assumes office for the remainder of the term**

**Senate**

- **GOVERNOR APPOINTS**
  - Must be of the same political party as the individual vacating the seat.
  - Appointee serves until the next general election.
  - There is no clear statutory deadline for the governor to fill the vacancy.

County & State Elected Officials with 4-Year Terms*

**2-years or less remaining in term or next primary election is within 90 days**

- **GOVERNOR (STATE) OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (COUNTY) APPOINTS**
  - Must be of the same political party as the individual vacating the seat.
  - Appointee serves until the next general election is held and the successful candidate takes the oath of office.

**More than 2-years remaining in term and next primary election is in more than 90 days**

- **GOVERNOR (STATE) OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (COUNTY) APPOINTS AND STANDARD PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD**
  - The successful candidate may take office anytime within 90 days of the election and serves the remainder of the term.

State Legislature

**LD* represented by an individual from an organized political party and more than 30 PCs** in the LD and county

- **PARTY NOMINATES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTS**
  - Vacancy occurs
  - Secretary of State notifies party chair of vacancy
  - PCs nominate 3 qualified electors by majority vote
  - Party chair schedules and gives notice of meeting to fill vacancy to all precinct committeemen (PC) in the LD and county

- **WINNERS OF SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION ASSUMES OFFICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM**

**LD* not represented by an individual from an organized political party or less than 30 PCs in the LD and county**

- **CITIZEN PANEL NOMINATES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTS**
  - Vacancy occurs
  - Secretary of State notifies the board of vacancy
  - Citizen panel nominates 3 qualified electors

- **Board of Supervisors from the county where the vacancy occurred appoints a citizen panel**
  - County Board of Supervisors appoints an individual from the 3 nominees

* Legislative district
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** Precinct committeemen

ARS § 16-221 & § 16-222

ARS § 16-230

ARS § 41-1202

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