

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, [if there is a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress,] the Governor shall issue a proclamation[,] **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION** within 10 days after the date that:

(I) [the vacancy occurs or becomes known to the Governor, declaring that a special primary election and a special general election shall be held to fill the vacancy] **AN OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS BECOMES VACANT; OR**

(II) **THE GOVERNOR ACCEPTS A WRITTEN NOTICE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCING A FUTURE DATE OF RESIGNATION.**

(2) If the vacancy occurs during the period beginning 60 days before the regular primary election and ending on the last day of the term, the Governor may:

(i) decline to issue a proclamation; and

(ii) allow the office to remain vacant for the remainder of the term.

(b) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION:**

(1) [The] **THE** Governor's proclamation shall specify the dates of the special primary election and the special general election[.];

(2) [The] **THE** special primary election shall be held on a Tuesday that is at least 36 days after the date of the proclamation[.]; **AND**

(3) [The] **THE** special general election shall be held on a Tuesday that is at least 36 days after the date of the special primary election.

(c) (1) The Governor shall:

(i) immediately give public notice of the proclamation; and

(ii) deliver the proclamation to the State Administrator.

(2) The State Administrator shall:

(i) immediately notify the State Board members and the local boards of the counties that comprise the congressional district; and