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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 952**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 27 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 188.120 is amended to read:

4 “188.120. (1) If a vacancy in election or office of Representative in Con-
5 gress or United States Senator occurs before the 61st day before the general
6 election, the Governor shall call a special election to fill that vacancy.

7 “**(2)** If a vacancy in election or office of United States Senator occurs
8 after the 62nd day before the general election but on or before the general
9 election, and if the term of that office is not regularly filled at that election,
10 the Governor shall call a special election to fill the vacancy [*as soon as*
11 *practicable after the general election*].

12 **“(3) For any special election called by the Governor under sub-**
13 **section (1) or (2) of this section to fill a vacancy in election or office**
14 **of United States Senator, the special election must occur not less than**
15 **80 days and not more than 150 days after the vacancy occurred.**

16 “[~~(2)~~] **(4)** If a special election to fill the vacancy in election or office of
17 Representative in Congress [*or United States Senator*] is called before the
18 80th day after the vacancy occurs, each major political party shall select its
19 nominee for the office and certify the name of the nominee to the Secretary
20 of State. The Secretary of State shall place the name of the nominee on the
21 ballot.

1 “[3] **(5)** If a special election to fill the vacancy in election or office of
2 Representative in Congress or United States Senator is called after the 79th
3 day after the vacancy occurs, a special primary election shall be conducted
4 by the Secretary of State for the purpose of nominating a candidate of each
5 major political party. A declaration of candidacy or nominating petition may
6 be filed not later than the 10th day following the issuance of the writ of
7 election.

8 **“(6)(a) For a vacancy in election or office of United States Senator,
9 the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The Governor
10 shall make the appointment required under this subsection no later
11 than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.**

12 **“(b) A person appointed under this subsection must:**

13 **“(A) Be a citizen qualified to hold the office; and**

14 **“(B) For at least 180 days before the date on which the vacancy
15 occurred, be affiliated with the same political party as the person who
16 vacated the office of United States Senator.**

17 **“(c) The political affiliation of a person appointed under this sub-
18 section shall be determined in accordance with ORS 236.100.**

19 **“(d) An appointment made under this subsection shall expire when
20 the term of office ends or a successor to the office is elected and
21 qualified under this section, whichever occurs first.**

22 **“(e) The Governor may not appoint the Governor to fill a vacancy
23 in the office of United States Senator.”.**

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