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AN ACT to renumber and amend 17.18; to amend 7.01 (2); and to create 7.01 (2a) and 17.18 (2) of the statutes, relating to filling of vacancies in the office of United States senator.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 7.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.01 (2) A vacancy in the office of * * * representative in the congress of the United States, occurring not more than 4 months nor less than 40 days before a general election, shall be filled at such election. Any such vacancy occurring more than 4 months or less than 40 days before a

general election may be filled at a special election and if not so filled shall be filled at the next subsequent general election.

SECTION 2. 7.01 (2a) of the statutes is created to read:

7.01 (2a) A vacancy in the office of United States senator shall be filled as provided in s. 17.18 (2).

SECTION 3. 17.18 of the statutes is renumbered 17.18 (1) and amended to read:

17.18 (1) Vacancies in the office of * * * member of congress from this state shall be filled by election, as provided in s. 7.01, for the residue of the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. 17.18 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

17.18 (2) Vacancies in the office of United States senator from this state shall be filled by temporary appointment by the governor which appointment shall continue until a successor is elected for the unexpired term. If the vacancy occurs 60 days or more prior to the second Tuesday in July in even-numbered years, such vacancy shall be filled at the primary and general election in such even year. If the vacancy occurs less than 60 days prior to the second Tuesday in July in even years, it shall be filled 2 years hence. The provisions for election for the unexpired term shall not apply if the next general election is one at which the vacant senate seat is to be filled for a full term. The senator so elected shall qualify for office as soon as possible after he receives his certificate of election. This subsection shall apply to any vacancy occurring after June 19, 1957.

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