

1977 Assembly Bill 263

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AN ACT to amend 17.18 (2); and to create 17.18 (2) (b) of the statutes, relating to appointment of a U.S. senator-elect for the balance of an unexpired term.

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

SECTION 1. 17.18 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17.18 (2) Vacancies in the office of ~~United States~~ U.S. 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.

(a) If the vacancy occurs 60 days or more prior to the ~~second~~ 2nd 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~~ 2nd Tuesday in July in ~~even~~ even-numbered 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~~ receiving a certificate of election. ~~This subsection shall apply to any vacancy occurring after June 19, 1957.~~

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

17.18 (2) (b) Following any regular election to the U.S. senate in which the incumbent senator is not reelected, the governor shall, if the incumbent U.S. senator resigns after the election and prior to the expiration of his or her term, immediately appoint the senator-elect for the balance of the unexpired term. The senator-elect so appointed shall qualify for office as soon as possible after receiving a certificate of appointment.
