

HR1-3-103 Temporary presiding officer in speaker's absence.

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 - (a) The speaker shall name a representative to act as speaker pro tempore during the absence of the speaker.
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 - (i) If an interim vacancy in the office of speaker occurs because of the death, resignation, or disability of the speaker, the speaker pro tempore shall conduct the necessary business of the House only until an election is held by the House to fill the vacancy.
 - (ii) If a vacancy occurs as described in Subsection (1)(b)(i), the House shall hold an election to fill a vacancy in the office of speaker no later than:
 - (A) five legislative days after the vacancy occurs if the vacancy occurs during the general session; or
 - (B) 30 calendar days after the vacancy occurs if the vacancy occurs during the interim.
- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the speaker may name any other representative to perform the duties of presiding officer for a period not to exceed one legislative day.
- (3) If the speaker and the speaker pro tempore are absent at the time the session is scheduled to convene, and the speaker has not designated another representative to perform the duties of presiding officer, the representative of the majority party who is senior in House service shall call the House to order and preside until one of them returns.
- (4) The speaker pro tempore, and each representative authorized to preside by the speaker or this rule, has all the powers and responsibilities of the speaker while presiding.