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90	(B) the interim replacement is sworn into office.
91	(d) This Subsection (2) does not apply to a vacancy in the office of Ĥ→ [:
92	$(i)$ $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ county legislative body member $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\frac{1}{2} \text{ or }]$
93	(ii) county executive in a county that operates under the county executive-council form
94	of government described in Section 17-52a-203] ←Ĥ .
95	(3) (a) Until a replacement is selected as provided in this section and has qualified, the
96	county legislative body shall appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacant office by
97	following the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (3).
98	(b) (i) To appoint an interim replacement, the county legislative body shall, within 10
99	days after the day on which the vacancy occurs, give notice of the vacancy to the party liaison
100	of the same political party of the prior office holder and invite that party liaison to submit the
101	name of [a person] an individual to fill the vacancy.
102	[(ii) That party liaison shall, within 30 days, submit the name of the person selected in
103	accordance with the party constitution or bylaws as described in Section 20A-8-401 for the
104	interim replacement to the county legislative body.]
105	(ii) That party liaison shall, within 30 days after the day on which the liaison receives
106	the notice described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), or if the party liaison does not receive the notice,
107	within 40 days after the day on which the vacancy occurs, submit to the county legislative body
108	the name of an individual the party selects in accordance with the party's constitution or bylaws
109	to serve as the interim replacement.
110	(iii) The county legislative body shall, no later than five days after the day on which a
111	party liaison submits the name of the [person for] individual to serve as the interim
112	replacement, appoint the [person] individual to serve out the unexpired term.
113	(c) (i) If the county legislative body fails to appoint an interim replacement to fill the
114	vacancy in accordance with Subsection (3)(b)(iii), the county clerk shall, no later than five days
115	after the day of the deadline described in Subsection (3)(b)(iii), send to the governor a letter
116	that:
117	(A) informs the governor that the county legislative body has failed to appoint a
118	replacement within the statutory time period; and
119	(B) contains the name of the [person to fill the vacancy] individual submitted by the

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party liaison to fill the vacancy.

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121	(ii) The governor shall, within 10 days after the day on which the governor receives the
122	letter described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), appoint the [person] individual named by the party
123	liaison as an interim replacement to fill the vacancy [within 30 days after receipt of the letter].
124	(d) [A person] An individual appointed as interim replacement under this Subsection
125	(3) shall hold office until [their] $\underline{a}$ successor is elected and has qualified.
126	(4) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (4) apply to all county offices that become
127	vacant if:
128	(i) the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and
129	(ii) the vacancy occurs after the election at which the [person] officeholder was elected
130	but before [April 10] the second Friday in March of the next even-numbered year.
131	(b) (i) When the conditions [established] described in Subsection (4)(a) are met, the
132	county clerk shall $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\cdot]$ as soon as practicable, but $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ no later than 180 days before the next
132a	regular general election, notify the
133	public and each registered political party that the vacancy exists.
134	(ii) An individual intending to become a party candidate for the vacant office shall file
135	a declaration of candidacy in accordance with:
136	(A) Chapter 9, Part 2, Candidate Qualifications and Declarations of Candidacy; and
137	(B) for a county commission office, Subsection 17-52a-201(6) or 17-52a-202(6), if
138	applicable.
139	(iii) An individual who is nominated as a party candidate [for the vacant office or
140	qualified as an independent or write-in candidate under Chapter 8, Political Party Formation
141	and Procedures, for the vacant office], who qualifies as an unaffiliated candidate for the vacant
142	office under Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party, or who qualifies as a
143	write-in candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part 6, Write-in Candidates, shall run
144	in the regular general election.
145	(5) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (5) apply to all county offices that become
146	vacant if:
147	(i) the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and
148	(ii) the vacancy occurs [after April 9] on or after the second Friday in March of the
149	next even-numbered year but more than 75 days before the regular primary election.
150	(b) [(i)] When the conditions [established] described in Subsection (5)(a) are met, the
151	county clerk shall as soon as practicable, but no later than 70 days before the next regular

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152	<u>primary election</u> , notify the public and each registered political party [that]:
153	[(A)] (i) that the vacancy exists; and
154	[(B) identifies the date and time by which a person interested in becoming a candidate
155	shall file a declaration of candidacy.]
156	(ii) of the deadlines described in Subsection (5)(c)(i) and the deadlines established
157	under Subsection (5)(d)(ii).
158	[(ii)] (c) (i) An individual intending to become a party candidate for a vacant office
159	shall, within five days after the [date that the notice is made] day on which the notice is given,
160	ending at the close of normal office hours on the fifth day, file a declaration of candidacy for
161	the vacant office in accordance with:
162	(A) Chapter 9, Part 2, Candidate Qualifications and Declarations of Candidacy; and
163	(B) for a county commission office, Subsection 17-52a-201(6) or 17-52a-202(6), if
164	applicable.
165	[(iii)] (ii) The county central committee of each party shall:
166	(A) select a candidate or candidates from among those qualified candidates who have
167	filed declarations of candidacy; and
168	(B) certify the name of the candidate or candidates to the county clerk [at least] as soon
169	as practicable, but no later than 60 days before the regular primary election.
170	(d) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(d)(ii), an individual intending to become a
171	candidate for a vacant office who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party
172	shall file a verified certificate of nomination described in Section 20A-9-502 with the county
173	clerk in accordance with Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party.
174	(ii) (A) The county clerk shall establish, in the clerk's reasonable discretion, a deadline <b>Ĥ</b> →
174a	that is not later than 65 days before the day of the next regular general election $\leftarrow \hat{H}$
175	by which an individual who is not affiliated with a registered political party is required to
176	submit a certificate of nomination under Subsection (5)(d)(i).
177	(B) The county clerk shall establish the deadline described in Subsection (5)(d)(ii)(A)
178	in a manner that gives an unaffiliated candidate an equal opportunity to access the regular
179	general election ballot.
180	(e) An individual who is nominated as a party candidate for the vacant office, who
181	qualifies as an unaffiliated candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates
182	not Affiliated with a Party, or who qualifies as a write-in candidate for the vacant office under

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183	Chapter 9, Part 6, Write-in Candidates, shall run in the regular general election.
184	(6) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (6) apply to all county offices that become
185	vacant:
186	(i) if the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and
187	(ii) when 75 days or less remain before the regular primary election but more than 65
188	days remain before the regular general election.
189	(b) When the conditions [established] described in Subsection (6)(a) are met, the
190	county [central committees] clerk shall, as soon as practicable, notify the public and each
191	registered political party:
192	(i) that the vacancy exists; and
193	(ii) of the deadlines established under Subsection (6)(d).
194	(c) (i) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection
195	(6)(d)(i)(A), the county central committee of each registered political party [registered under
196	this title] that wishes to submit a candidate for the office shall [summarily] certify the name of
197	one candidate to the county clerk for placement on the regular general election ballot.
198	(ii) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection (6)(d)(i)(B),
199	a candidate who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party shall file a verified
200	certificate of nomination described in Section 20A-9-502 with the county clerk in accordance
201	with Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party.
202	(iii) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection (6)(d)(i)(C),
203	a write-in candidate shall submit to the county clerk a declaration of candidacy described in
204	<u>Section 20A-9-601.</u>
205	(d) (i) The county clerk shall establish, in the clerk's reasonable discretion, deadlines
205a	that are not later than 65 days before the day of the next regular general election $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ by
206	which:
207	(A) a registered political party is required to certify a name under Subsection (6)(c)(i);
208	(B) an individual who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party is
209	required to submit a certificate of nomination under Subsection (6)(c)(ii); and
210	(C) a write-in candidate is required to submit a declaration of candidacy under
211	Subsection (6)(c)(iii).
212	(ii) The county clerk shall establish deadlines under Subsection (6)(d)(i) in a manner
213	that gives an unaffiliated candidate or a write-in candidate an equal opportunity to access the