

(1) The Governor's proclamation shall specify the date for the special primary and special elections, provided that the special primary election shall be held on any Tuesday which is at least more than thirty-five days from the date of the proclamation and that the special election shall be held on any Tuesday which is at least more than thirty-five days from the date of the special primary election.

(2) Nominations of candidates shall be as specified in § 4-1 of this article.

(3) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this article and except where such construction would be unreasonable, the provisions of this article applicable to primary elections shall be applicable to the special primary election provided for herein and the provisions of this article applicable to general elections shall be applicable to the special election provided for herein.

(4) Immediately after issuing the proclamation, the Governor shall give public notice of the proclamation and shall deliver it to the State Administrator of Election Laws. The State Administrator of Election Laws, immediately after receiving the proclamation, shall notify the boards of the counties comprising the congressional district in which the vacancy exists of the proclamation and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to each of [said] THE boards.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress occurs during the period beginning with sixty days before any regularly scheduled statewide primary election and ending at noon on the following third day of January, the Governor if he deems it in the best interests of the State may in his discretion decline to issue the proclamation provided for herein and may allow the office to remain vacant until it is filled pursuant to the regular election process.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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