

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1181  
(Representatives Streyle, Brabandt, Dockter, Louser, Owens, Rohr, Schmidt)  
(Senators Casper, Holmberg, Laffen, Unruh)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 16.1-13-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filling vacancies in the office of United States senator.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-13-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-13-08. Filling vacancy in office of United States senator.**

~~When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator from this state, the governor shall issue a writ of call a special election to be held within ninety-five days to fill the vacancy at the next statewide primary or general election, whichever occurs first, and that occurs at least ninety days after the vacancy. However, if the next primary or general election at which the vacancy could be filled occurs in the year immediately preceding the expiration of the term, then no election may be held. The governor, by appointment, may fill the vacancy temporarily, but any person so appointed shall serve only until the vacancy is filled by election or until the term expires if no election can be held. If the vacancy occurs within ninety-five days of the expiration of the term of office for that office, no election may be held to fill the vacancy.~~

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1181.

House Vote:    Yeas 67            Nays 25            Absent 2

Senate Vote:    Yeas 27            Nays 20            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State