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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By**
        Request - Departmental - Elections, State Board of)
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Election Law - Representatives in Congress - Special Election**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to issue a proclamation ordering a special
4   election to fill a certain vacancy in office for a Representative in Congress under
5   certain circumstances; requiring the special election to be held within a certain
6   time period; authorizing the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for
7   conducting the special election; and generally relating to special elections for
8   Representatives in Congress.

9 BY adding to
10   Article - Election Law
11   Section 8-712
12   Annotated Code of Maryland
13   (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16   **Article - Election Law**

17 8-712.

18   (A)   NOTWITHSTANDING § 8-710 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
19 ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN
20 OFFICE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS IF:

21   (1)   THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ANNOUNCES
22 THAT VACANCIES IN THE REPRESENTATION FROM THE STATES IN THE HOUSE
23 EXCEED 100;

24   (2)   ONE OR MORE OF THOSE VACANCIES INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
25 IN CONGRESS FROM MARYLAND; AND

1   (3)   THERE IS NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTION DURING THE
2 75-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

3   (B)   THE SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD 49 DAYS AFTER THE SPEAKER OF
4 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ANNOUNCES THAT VACANCIES IN THE
5 REPRESENTATION FROM THE STATES IN THE HOUSE EXCEED 100.

6   (C)   THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS
7 ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

8   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect July 1, 2006.