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S.F. No. 3555 - Authorizing special elections to fill vacancies for sheriff or county attorney

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Section 1 [§375.08; Board to fill vacancies in county offices] adds a cross-reference to section 2. This section of law provides that when there is a vacancy in specified county offices, including sheriff and county attorney, the vacancy is filled by appointment made by the county board. The cross-reference to section 2 allows the vacancy to be filled by special election if the county board chooses.

Section 2 [§375.081; Vacancy in office of sheriff or county attorney] allows a vacancy in the office of sheriff or county attorney to be filled by special election instead of by appointment. The county board may, by resolution, call for a special election to fill the vacancy at the timeline provided. The person elected must take office immediately after receiving the certificate of election and upon filing the bond and taking the oath of office and must serve the remainder of the unexpired term.