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## **S.F. No. 3555 - Authorizing special elections to fill vacancies for sheriff or county attorney (1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment)**

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**Section 1 [§375.08; Board to fill vacancies in county offices]** Amends the law on filling vacancies for county offices. Specifies that appointments to fill vacancies must be done at a regular or special meeting. Strikes the requirement for personal service for notice of the meeting. When a vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff or county attorney less than 84 days before the state primary in the last year of the term, the county board may fill the vacancy by appointment, but the person appointed only serves until the general election. The person who wins at the general election takes office immediately upon receiving the certificate of election, filing the bond, and taking the oath of office.

**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 on a uniform special election date. 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. This section does not apply to a vacancy that occurs less than 84 days before the state primary in the last year of a term.