



Office of Governor Mark Dayton

PROCESS FOR CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION

- The Governor is required to call a Special Election within five days “when a vacancy occurs and the legislature will be in session so that the individual elected as provided by this section could take office and exercise the duties of the office immediately upon election.”
- According to the Secretary of State’s Office, it will take 38 days to complete all of the steps for a Special Election. Because there are only 34 days remaining until the end of the Legislative Session, **an election cannot be completed in time for an individual to be seated during the current Session**. Therefore, the Governor is not required to call for a Special Election.
- Representative Thissen plans to resign from the Minnesota House of Representatives on Friday, April 20, 2018.

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