

721—21.405 (69) Special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress. This rule establishes the special election calendar in the event a vacancy occurs in the office of representative in Congress that must be filled by special election pursuant to Iowa Code section 69.14.

21.405(1) *Notice of election.* The governor shall provide not less than 76 days' notice of a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress.

21.405(2) *Political party convention deadline.* A political party candidate to be voted on at a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress shall be nominated by a convention duly called by the district central committee not less than 62 days prior to the date set for the special election.

21.405(3) *Candidate filing deadline.* Nominations made pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 43, 44 or 45 shall be filed in the office of the state commissioner not later than 5 p.m. on the sixty-second day prior to the date set for the special election.

21.405(4) *Candidate certification deadline.* Names of candidates nominated for the special election shall be certified at the earliest practicable time to the appropriate commissioners of election as required by Iowa Code section 43.88.

21.405(5) *Candidate objection deadline.* Written objections to the legal sufficiency of a nomination petition filed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 45 or a certificate of nomination filed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 43 or 44 shall be in writing and shall be filed with the state commissioner no later than 5 p.m. on the sixtieth day prior to the election.

21.405(6) *Candidate withdrawal deadline.* A person who has filed nomination papers with the state commissioner as a candidate for a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the state commissioner no later than 5 p.m. on the sixtieth day prior to the election.