

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017

SESSION LAW 2018-102  
HOUSE BILL 659

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH VACANCIES ARE FILLED IN THE  
OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 163A-720 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 163A-720. Filling vacancy in United States Senate.**

Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of United States Senator from this State, whether caused by death, resignation, or otherwise than by expiration of term, the Governor shall appoint to fill the vacancy until an election shall be held to fill the office. If the Senator was elected as the nominee of a political party, ~~the person appointed by the Governor shall be a person affiliated with that same political party.~~ the Governor shall appoint from a list of three persons recommended by the State executive committee of the political party with which the vacating member was affiliated when elected if that party executive committee makes recommendations within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The Governor shall issue a writ for the election of a Senator to be held at the time of the first election for members of the General Assembly that is held more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The person elected shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term. The election shall take effect from the date of the canvassing of the returns."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to vacancies filled on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Bill Rabon  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This bill having been presented to the Governor for signature on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 and the Governor having failed to approve it within the time prescribed by law, the same is hereby declared to have become a law. This 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Karen Jenkins  
Enrolling Clerk

