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House of Representatives, March 10, 2015

**An Act To Establish Special Elections To Fill United States Senate
Vacancies**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §391**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the
3 following enacted in its place:

4 **§391. United States Senators**

5 When there is a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, the Governor shall
6 issue a proclamation declaring the vacancy and ordering a special primary election, which
7 must be held no later than 100 days after the vacancy occurred, followed by a special
8 election to fill the vacancy as provided in section 366.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill provides that, when there is a vacancy in the office of United States Senator,
11 the Governor is required to issue a proclamation declaring the vacancy and ordering a
12 special primary election, which must be held no later than 100 days after the vacancy
13 occurred, followed by a special election to fill the vacancy.