



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3094

by Rep. Michael W. Tryon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Statewide Elected Official Vacancy Appointment Act. Provides that in the event of a vacancy in a statewide elective office that is filled by the Governor under Section 7 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution, if the person whose departure from office created the vacancy was a member of a leading political party, then the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be a member of the same leading political party. Defines "leading political party".

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Statewide Elected Official Vacancy Appointment Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act:

7 "Leading political party" means one of the two political
8 parties whose candidates for governor at the most recent three
9 gubernatorial elections received either the highest or second
10 highest average number of votes. The political party whose
11 candidates for governor received the highest average number of
12 votes shall be known as the first leading political party and
13 the political party whose candidates for governor received the
14 second highest average number of votes shall be known as the
15 second leading political party.

16 Section 10. Vacancy in a statewide elective office. In the
17 event of a vacancy in a statewide elective office that is
18 filled by the Governor under Section 7 of Article V of the
19 Illinois Constitution, if the person whose departure from
20 office created the vacancy was a member of a leading political
21 party, then the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be a
22 member of the same leading political party.