

Commission Vacancy

As Commissioner Prinkki has submitted a letter of resignation effective March 31, 2017, please see below excerpts from Montana Code Annotated pertaining to filing a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners.

Vacancy On Board Of County Commissioners -- Resigning Member Not To Participate In Filling Pending Vacancy

7-4-2106. Vacancy on board of county commissioners -- resigning member not to participate in filling pending vacancy. (1) For the purposes of this part, "vacancy" has the same meaning as prescribed in 2-16-501.

(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the board of county commissioners from a failure to elect or otherwise, the remaining county commissioners shall fill the vacancy and the appointee shall hold office until the next general election unless otherwise provided in subsection (3) or (4). The procedure to be used to fill the vacancy is as follows:

(b) If the former incumbent was independent, nonpartisan, or originally nominated by a party that does not meet the requirements of 13-10-601 or if the vacancy occurs from a failure to elect, the remaining commissioners shall invite applications for the vacancy in a notice published as provided in 13-1-108 and shall accept an application from any person who has lived in the unrepresented district for at least 2 years immediately preceding the day the vacancy occurs. The remaining commissioners shall appoint one of these applicants to fill the vacancy.

Notice Of Political Subdivision Elections

13-1-108. Notice of political subdivision elections. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an election administrator conducting a political subdivision election shall give notice of the election at least three times no earlier than 40 days and no later than 10 days before the election [Or in this case before the vacancy occurs]. The notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the election will be held or by broadcasting the notice on radio or television as provided in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107. The notice must be given using the method the election administrator believes is best suited to reach the largest number of potential electors. The provisions of this subsection are fulfilled upon the third publication or broadcast of the notice.

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