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Catch Title: Special elections-time limits.

Subject: Time limits for filling vacancies in the U.S. House of Representatives

Summary/Major Elements:

- Vacancies in the U.S. House of Representatives are filled by special election. Under current law, the special election must be held 55 days after the vacancy occurs. Under the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act), special election ballots have to be mailed 45 days before the election. The current 55-day time limit for the special election makes it difficult or impossible to comply with the MOVE Act.
- This legislation extends the time limit for holding a special election to 89 days after the vacancy occurs. This time limit is designed to allow all the processes necessary to conduct a special election to occur prior to the MOVE Act deadline. Other related time limits are amended.
- This legislation also amends the statute related to the computation of periods of time to specify how Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are treated.

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