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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 77.450, RSMo 2000, relating to certain municipalities, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 77.450, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 77.450, to read as follows:

77.450. [In counties of the first classification with a charter form of government which have a population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants, if a vacancy occurs in any elective office, the mayor, or the person exercising the office of mayor, shall cause a special election to be held to fill such vacancy. When any such vacancy occurs within six months of a municipal election, no election shall be called to fill such vacancy, but the same shall be filled by the mayor or the person exercising the office of mayor by appointment. Any vacancy in the office of councilman which occurs within the six months shall be filled by election, in such manner as may be provided by ordinance. In all other counties,] If a vacancy occurs in any elective office other than the office of mayor, a successor to the vacant office shall be selected by appointment by the mayor with the advice and consent of a majority of the remaining members of the council. The council may adopt procedures to fill vacancies consistent with this section. The successor shall serve until the next regular election. If a vacancy occurs in any office not elective, the mayor shall appoint a suitable person to discharge the duties of the same until the first regular meeting of the council thereafter, at which time the vacancy shall be permanently filled.