

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-109

(Special Election - Senate District 21)

WHEREAS, section 100.101(2), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy in the membership of the Florida Senate shall be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to article X, section 3 of the Florida Constitution and section 114.01(1)(d), Florida Statutes, a vacancy has been created in the Florida Senate due to the resignation of Senator Ed Hooper, District 21, and the acceptance of such resignation by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy in office occurred on May 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 100.141(1), Florida Statutes, the Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of State, shall issue an order declaring the date the special election shall be held; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 100.111(2), Florida Statutes, prior to setting the special election dates, the Governor shall consider any upcoming elections in the jurisdiction where the special election will be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, pursuant to my solemn constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. A Special Election shall be held to fill the vacancy in the office of Florida Senate, District 21.

Section 2. A Special Primary Election shall be held on August 18, 2026.

Section 3. A Special Election shall be held on November 3, 2026, if necessary, to select the Senator for Senate District 21.

Section 4. The Secretary of State shall work to implement the other scheduling requirements for this special election.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 19th day of May, 2026.





RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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