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LT. GOVERNOR

August 29, 2025

The Honorable Jocelyn Benson
Secretary of State
Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Dear Secretary Benson,

Under section 13 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.178 and MCL 168.634, I issue this call for a special primary election and special election for the 35th District of the Michigan Senate. This election call is issued for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet.

The vacancy described above will be filled according to the following schedule:

4:00 p.m. on
September 30, 2025

Last Date for Democratic and
Republican Party candidates to file
affidavits of identity and nominating
petitions or filing fee – by 4:00 p.m.

February 3, 2026
May 5, 2026

Special Primary Election.
Special Election.

Please initiate the procedures required under Michigan law to accomplish this call for a special election. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

cc: Bay, Midland, and Saginaw County Clerks