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### § 1. Time for election of Senators

At the regular election held in any State next preceding the expiration of the term for which any Senator was elected to represent such State in Congress, at which election a Representative to Congress is regularly by law to be chosen, a United States Senator from said State shall be elected by the people thereof for the term commencing on the 3d day of January next thereafter.

(June 4, 1914, ch. 103, § 1, 38 Stat. 384; June 5, 1934, ch. 390, § 3, 48 Stat. 879.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1934—Act June 5, 1934, substituted “3d day of January” for “fourth day of March”.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

The first section of Amendment XX to the Constitution provides in part: “\* \* \* the terms of Senators and Representatives [shall end] at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.”

#### CROSS REFERENCES

- Time for election of Senators, see Const. Art. I, § 4, cl. 1.  
 Vacancies in the Senate, see Const. Amend. XVII.

### § 1a. Election to be certified by governor

It shall be the duty of the executive of the State from which any Senator has been chosen to certify his election, under the seal of the State, to the President of the Senate of the United States.

(R.S. § 18.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 18 derived from act July 25, 1866, ch. 245, § 3, 14 Stat. 244.