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Nominees of all parties enter Council unopposed

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MEMBERS to seven vacant seats of the Karnataka Legislative Council were elected unopposed on Monday with no additional candidates in the fray. Four BJP candidates — Pratap Simha Nayak, Sunil Vallyapure, MTB Nagaraj and R Shankar—two Congress candidates—BK Hariprasad and Naseer Ahmed—and one JDS—Govinda Raju—were elected unopposed eliminating the need for voting in the biennial Council polls.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has the authority to suggest names of five candidates to be nominated under the Governor quota. Legislative Assembly Secretary and Returning Officer M K Vishalakshi declired the election of the seven candidates.