



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5304

LCO No. 1918



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided [by law] in subsection (b) of this
4 section or in any special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance,
5 if any vacancy occurs on any town board or commission, and such board
6 or commission has power by law to fill such vacancy but fails to do so
7 within thirty days after it occurs, the board of selectmen or chief
8 executive authority of such town may appoint a qualified person to fill
9 such vacancy until the next municipal election.

10 (b) If any vacancy occurs on a local board of education, such vacancy
11 shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of section 10-219, as
12 amended by this act.

13 Sec. 2. Section 10-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

15 If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the local board of
 16 education, unless otherwise provided by charter or special act, [such
 17 vacancy shall be filled by] the remaining members of said board shall
 18 select an individual to fill such vacancy until the next regular town
 19 election, at which election a successor shall be elected for the unexpired
 20 portion of the term, the official ballot specifying the vacancy to be filled.
 21 Unless such next regular town election is less than sixty days after the
 22 occurrence of such vacancy, if such remaining members select an
 23 individual to fill such vacancy and such individual has not, within sixty
 24 days after having been so selected, taken the oath of office required
 25 under section 10-218a, such vacancy shall remain and such remaining
 26 members shall act to fill such vacancy in accordance with this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	7-107
Sec. 2	October 1, 2020	10-219

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) specify that, for any vacancy on a local board of education that has not been filled within thirty days of its occurrence, only the remaining members of such board can fill such vacancy, and (2) require the individual selected by such remaining members to take the oath of office within sixty days after being so selected in order to fill such vacancy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]