



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 164**

January Session, 2007

Senate Bill No. 1108

*Senate, March 28, 2007*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 31-276 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-19, no vacancy in  
5 the position of a compensation commissioner shall be filled by the  
6 Governor when the General Assembly is not in session unless, prior to  
7 such filling, the Governor submits the name of the proposed vacancy  
8 appointee to the committee on the judiciary. Within [ten] forty-five  
9 days, the committee on the judiciary may, upon the call of either  
10 chairman, hold a special meeting for the purpose of approving or  
11 disapproving such proposed vacancy appointee by majority vote. The  
12 Governor shall not administer the oath of office to such proposed  
13 vacancy appointee until the committee has approved such proposed  
14 vacancy appointee. If the committee determines that it cannot

15 complete its investigation and act on such proposed vacancy appointee  
16 within such forty-five-day period, it may extend such period by an  
17 additional fifteen days. The committee shall notify the Governor in  
18 writing of any such extension. Failure of the committee to act on such  
19 proposed vacancy appointee within such [ten-day] forty-five-day  
20 period or any fifteen-day extension period shall be deemed to be an  
21 approval.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	31-276(d)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Workers' Compensation Com.	WCF - None	None	None

Note: WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill increases, from 10 to 45 days, the time the Judiciary Committee has to vote on a workers' compensation commissioner nomination when the General Assembly is not in session. The bill also allows the Judiciary Committee to extend this period by 15 days if it cannot complete its investigation and act within the 45-day period.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 1108*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONERS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, when the General Assembly is not in session, the governor must submit an appointment to fill a workers' compensation commissioner vacancy to the Judiciary Committee for its approval. This bill increases, from 10 to 45 days, the time the committee has to hold a meeting to vote on such a nomination. It also allows the committee to extend this period by 15 days if it cannot complete its investigation and act within the 45-day period. The committee must give the governor written notice of an extension.

As under current law, the committee's failure to act on the appointee is deemed approval.

The bill prohibits the governor from giving an appointee the oath of office until the committee approves the appointee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 0 (03/12/2007)