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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-260—HB 5289

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

SUMMARY: By law, a special municipal election held to fill a vacancy or a newly-created office may be convened by the board of selectman or upon application of 20 electors. In the latter case, this act creates an exception to the election calendar. Specifically, it authorizes the secretary of the state to combine the special election with a regular municipal election when the special election would fall 30 days or fewer before the regular election. The act thus extends, from 150 to 180 days, the maximum length of the election calendar in these cases.

The act does not otherwise affect special municipal election calendar requirements (e.g., time for party endorsements and a primary).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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