



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7275

House of Representatives, April 17, 2019

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, C. of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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 Section 7-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2019*):

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
5 ordinance, if any vacancy occurs on any town board or commission,
6 and such board or commission has power by law to fill such vacancy
7 but fails to do so within thirty days after it occurs, the board of
8 selectmen or chief executive authority of such town may appoint a
9 qualified person to fill such vacancy until the next municipal election.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	7-107

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes procedural changes regarding vacant positions on various municipal boards and boards of education, and does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7275*****AN ACT CONCERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES.*****SUMMARY**

Under current law, if not otherwise specified by law, when a position on a town board or commission becomes vacant, the remaining members may appoint an individual to fill the position until the next election. If they do not do so within 30 days of the vacancy, the board of selectmen or town's chief executive authority may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

This bill specifies that the above rule applies to situations in which a special act, municipal charter, or home rule ordinance does not specify the procedure for filling vacancies. The bill also eliminates a provision specifying that the above rule does not apply if another law establishing a vacancy-filling procedure applies.

Lastly, the bill specifies that board of education vacancies must be filled as provided in statute (i.e., the remaining members appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until the next election, unless otherwise specified in charter or special act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 5 (03/29/2019)