



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6108

LCO No. 2622



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 Section 7-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 from passage*):

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 Section 10-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 from passage*):

15 [If] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section or in any
 16 charter or special act, if a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of
 17 the local board of education, [unless otherwise provided by charter or
 18 special act,] such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of
 19 said board until the next regular town election, at which election a
 20 successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term of such
 21 office, the official ballot specifying the vacancy to be filled. For the
 22 purposes of this section, such a vacancy shall occur when an individual
 23 (1) elected to be a member of said board fails, within sixty days after the
 24 date on which the term of such office begins, to take the oath of office
 25 required under section 10-218a, or (2) chosen to fill a vacancy on said
 26 board pursuant to this subsection fails, within sixty days after having
 27 been so chosen, to take such oath.

28 (b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the local board
 29 of education less than sixty days before the next regular town election,
 30 (1) such vacancy shall not be filled by the remaining members of said
 31 board, and (2) at such election a successor shall be elected for the
 32 unexpired portion of the term of such office, the official ballot specifying
 33 the vacancy to be filled.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-107
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-219

Statement of Purpose:

To specify that a local board of education vacancy may only be filled (1) by the remaining members of said board, or (2) at the next regular town election.

[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.]