



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 6108



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 Section 7-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Section 10-219 of the general statutes is repealed and the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. In the event
22 that an individual (1) elected to be a member of said board fails, within
23 sixty days after the date on which the term of such office begins, to take
24 the oath of office required under section 10-218a, or (2) chosen to fill a
25 vacancy on said board pursuant to this subsection fails, within sixty
26 days after having been so chosen, to take such oath, such office shall be
27 deemed vacant.

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 Legislative Commissioners:
In Section 2(a), the last sentence was reworded for clarity.

PD Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO