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Overview

Current law requires the town board or appointment committee to fill a board vacancy by appointment, with a special election to fill the vacancy if the board or appointment committee fails to do so. The bill provides procedures for holding the special election.

Section

- 1 Meeting; how, why called.** Strikes current language on filling town board vacancies at a special town meeting. Concept is covered in section 2.
- 2 Elections.** Adds a new subdivision requiring a special town election to fill a town board vacancy if the town board or appointment committee fails to make an appointment. Provides for calling a special election by (1) the supervisors and town clerk, or (2) any two or more of them and 12 town freeholders filing a statement in the town office. Requires the statement to tell why the election is called. Also allows calling a special election on petition of 20 percent of the town electors as of the last general election. Provides for conducting the special election like the annual town election, if there is a failure to appoint to fill the vacancy.
- 3 Vacancies.** Amends the town vacancy statute to reference section 2.