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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

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

#### 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 any two or more of the supervisors and the town clerk filing a statement in the town office. Requires the statement to tell why the election is called. 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.
- 3 Vacancies.** Amends the town vacancy statute to reference section 2.