

**Subject** School board vacancies

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## Overview

This bill amends the process for filling vacancies on a school board.

Under current law, when a school board vacancy occurs, the board must appoint a person to fill the vacancy. Except for vacancies occurring late in the term, the appointed person fills the vacancy only until a special election is held to elect a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

This bill would eliminate the special election procedure for vacancies, and instead provides that a person appointed by a school board to fill a vacancy is entitled to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

An existing process that allows the voters to submit a petition rejecting a school board's choice to fill a vacant position remains unchanged.