
HOUSE BILL 1691

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the educational service district
2 board or local school board to fill vacancies on the board of directors
3 in second-class school districts with an at-large appointment if after
4 one hundred twenty days a candidate from the director district cannot
5 be recruited; and amending RCW 28A.343.370.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.343.370 and 1991 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) In case of a vacancy from any cause on the board of directors
10 of a school district other than a reconstituted board resulting from
11 reorganized school districts, a majority of the legally established
12 number of board members shall fill such vacancy by appointment:
13 PROVIDED, That should there exist fewer board members on the board of
14 directors of a school district than constitutes a majority of the
15 legally established number of board members, the educational service
16 district board members of the district in which the school district is
17 located by the vote of a majority of its legally established number of
18 board members shall appoint a sufficient number of board members to
19 constitute a legal majority on the board of directors of such school

1 district; and the remaining vacancies on such board of directors shall
2 be filled by such board of directors in accordance with the provisions
3 of this section: PROVIDED FURTHER, That should any board of directors
4 for whatever reason fail to fill a vacancy within ninety days from the
5 creation of such vacancy, the members of the educational service
6 district board of the district in which the school district is located
7 by majority vote shall fill such vacancy.

8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,
9 appointees to fill vacancies on boards of directors of school districts
10 shall meet the requirements provided by law for school directors and
11 shall serve until the next regular school district election, at which
12 time a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

13 (3) When filling a position in a second-class school district that
14 has been vacant for more than ninety days, if an educational service
15 district is not able to recruit a qualified candidate after thirty days
16 of advertising in a newspaper or other media of general circulation in
17 the school district, the educational service district board or local
18 school board may appoint an otherwise qualified candidate who is a
19 resident of the school district but does not reside in the director
20 district where there is a vacancy. The individual so appointed may
21 serve as a school director for a period lasting at least one year. The
22 county auditor must conduct an election to replace the temporary
23 appointment at the next regular school district election following the
24 one-year appointment.

25 (4) If a vacancy will be created by a board member who has
26 submitted a resignation, that board member may not vote on the
27 selection of his or her replacement.

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