

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 73

BY SENATOR HEWITT

LOCAL ELECTIONS. Provides for appointments to fill vacancies in local offices under certain circumstances. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:602(E)(5), relative to special elections for vacancies in certain local  
3 offices; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:602(E)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §602. Vacancies in certain local and municipal offices; exceptions

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8 E. \* \* \*

9 **(5) If the unexpired term of an office covered by Subsection B of this**  
10 **Section is one year or more and the vacancy occurs within one year of the first**  
11 **election at which a redistricting plan adopted following the most recent federal**  
12 **decennial census is to be utilized, no special election will be called and the**  
13 **appointee shall serve the remainder of the term of office.**

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15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 2 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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## DIGEST

SB 73 Engrossed

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Present law provides that if the unexpired term of a vacant office in the membership of a city or parish school board is one year or less, the person appointed to fill the vacancy or designated to assume the duties of office will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Present law further provides that if the unexpired term of a vacant office in the membership of a city or parish school board exceeds one year, the school board must issue a proclamation ordering a special election to fill the vacancy within 20 days after the vacancy occurs.

Proposed law provides that if the unexpired term of a vacancy in the membership of a city or parish school board exceeds one year, but the vacancy occurs within one year of the first election at which a redistricting plan adopted following the most recent federal decennial census is to be utilized, no special election will be called, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:602(E)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Change the effective date to upon signature by the governor.