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.