AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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(5) If the unexpired term of an office covered by Subsection B of this Section is one year or more and 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 appointee shall serve the remainder of the term of office.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.