

HB 1259 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                    **1259**

AN ACT                    relative to the election and resignation of members of school boards and elected budget committees.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Post, Hills. 4; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 6; Rep. Harley, Rock. 20

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides for the replacement of elected budget committee members and school board members following a resignation of a member.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                      relative to the election and resignation of members of school boards and elected budget committees.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 New Paragraph; Elected Budget Committee; Resignations; Replacement. Amend RSA 32:15  
2 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3            III-a. For an elected budget committee, if a member resigns, the moderator shall accept the  
4 resignation and declare the vacancy within 10 days of the resignation and a replacement shall be  
5 elected or appointed as provided in paragraph III, provided that if the resignation occurs with 90  
6 days after a budget committee election the moderator shall appoint the person who received the next  
7 highest number of votes in the budget committee election where the member resigning was elected.  
8 If a seat on the budget committee becomes vacant during the filing period for a budget committee  
9 election, the replacement for such vacancy shall be added to the ballot for budget committee election.

10           2 Post-Election Procedure; School Boards; Vacancies. Amend RSA 671:33, V to read as follows:

11           V. Any vacancy which occurs between the ~~[beginning]~~ **end** of the filing period and the  
12 district election shall not be filled by official ballot until the annual district election the following  
13 year. ***Provided that if a school board member resigns, the remaining members of the board***  
14 ***shall accept the resignation and declare the vacancy within 10 days of the resignation and***  
15 ***a replacement shall be elected or appointed as provided in this chapter, provided also that***  
16 ***if the resignation occurs within 90 days after a school board member election the school***  
17 ***board shall appoint the person who received the second highest number of votes in the***  
18 ***school district election where the member resigning was elected.***

19           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.