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An Act To Allow a Board of Selectmen To Fill a Vacancy on That Board

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §2602, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 270, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Vacancy in office of selectman. When there is a vacancy in the office of selectman, the selectmen may shall determine whether to call a town meeting to elect or by majority vote appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the regularly scheduled annual meeting of the town. If the vacancy occurs within 60 days before the next regularly scheduled annual meeting, then the selectmen shall provide for the vacancy to be filled by election at the town meeting.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law to permit a board of selectmen to determine whether to fill a vacancy on the board by appointment rather than requiring the board to call a town meeting for that purpose if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the regularly scheduled annual meeting of the town. If the vacancy occurs within 60 days of the next annual meeting, the selectmen shall provide for the vacancy to be filled by election at the annual meeting.