

HOUSE BILL NO. 6515

December 16, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Maddock and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 311 (MCL 168.311), as amended by 2014 PA 94.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 311. (1) If less than a majority of the offices of school
2 board member of a school district become vacant, the remaining
3 school board members shall, **subject to subsection (2)**, fill each
4 vacant office by appointment. If a vacancy in the office of school

1 board member is not filled within 30 days after the vacancy occurs
2 or if a majority of the offices of school board member of a school
3 district become vacant, the intermediate school board for that
4 school district shall, **subject to subsection (2)**, fill each vacancy
5 by appointment. An individual appointed under this subsection
6 serves until a successor is elected and qualified.

7 **(2) In filling a vacant school board member office by**
8 **appointment under subsection (1), the remaining school board**
9 **members or the intermediate school board, as applicable, must first**
10 **offer the vacant school board member office to the candidates who**
11 **were not elected at the preceding school board election for that**
12 **school district, beginning with the first runner-up. If an**
13 **individual accepts an offer under this subsection, that individual**
14 **must be appointed to the vacant school board member office by the**
15 **remaining school board members or the intermediate school board, as**
16 **applicable. An individual appointed under this subsection serves**
17 **until a successor is elected and qualified.**

18 **(3) ~~(2)~~**—If a vacancy occurs in an office of school board
19 member more than 7 days before the nominating petition filing
20 deadline as provided in section 303 for the general November
21 election that is not the general November election at which a
22 successor in office would be elected if there were no vacancy, the
23 ~~person~~**individual** appointed shall hold office only until a
24 successor is elected at the next general November election in the
25 manner provided by law and qualifies for office. The successor
26 shall hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term. This
27 subsection applies regardless of whether an individual is appointed
28 under subsection (1) **or (2)** to fill the vacancy.

29 **(4) ~~(3)~~**—Within 3 days after an appointment is made to fill a

1 vacancy in an elected **school board member** office in a school
2 district, the secretary of the school board shall notify the school
3 district election coordinator, in writing, of the name, address,
4 and office of the ~~person~~**individual** who vacated the office as well
5 as the ~~person~~**individual** filling the office.