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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 244**

September 11, 2015 - Offered by Senator WANGGAARD.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 17.26 (1m) (a); *to renumber* 17.26 (intro.), 17.26 (2) and 17.26
2 (4); *to renumber and amend* 17.26 (1) and 120.42 (1m) (b); *to consolidate,*
3 *renumber and amend* 17.26 (1m) (intro.) and (b); *to amend* 17.26 (3), 120.06
4 (7) (b) and 120.42 (3); and *to create* 17.26 (1m) and 120.12 (28) of the statutes;
5 **relating to:** filling certain vacancies on school boards of common, union high,
6 and unified school districts, requiring a primary for the election of school board
7 members to certain election districts, and requiring adoption of an
8 apportionment plan after the decennial census.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

9 **SECTION 1.** 17.26 (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 17.26 (1g) (intro.).

10 **SECTION 2.** 17.26 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 17.26 (1g) (a) and amended
11 to read:

1 17.26 (1g) (a) ~~In~~ Except as provided in sub. (1m), in a common, union high, or
2 unified school district, by appointment by the remaining members. ~~Each~~ An
3 appointee under this paragraph or sub. (1m) shall hold office until a successor is
4 elected and takes office under s. 120.06 (4) or 120.42 (2). When a vacancy occurs in
5 the office of a board member who is in the last year of his or her term, or when a
6 vacancy occurs after the spring election but on or before the last Tuesday in
7 November in the office of a board member who is not in the last year of his or her term,
8 the successor shall be elected at the next spring election. When a vacancy occurs
9 after the last Tuesday in November and on or before the date of the next spring
10 election in the office of a board member who is not in the last year of his or her term,
11 the successor shall be elected at the 2nd following spring election.

12 **SECTION 3.** 17.26 (1m) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes, as created by 2015
13 Wisconsin Act (this act), are consolidated, renumbered 17.26 (1m) and amended
14 to read:

15 17.26 (1m) If the remaining members of a school board do not appoint an
16 individual to fill a vacancy under sub. (1g) (a) within 60 days of the date on which the
17 vacancy first exists, ~~all of the following apply: (b)~~ Subject to par. (a), the remaining
18 members of the school board shall fill the vacancy in accordance with the school
19 board's policy under s. 120.12 (28).

20 **SECTION 4.** 17.26 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

21 17.26 (1m) If the remaining members of the school board of a common, union
22 high, or unified school district do not appoint an individual to fill a vacancy under
23 sub. (1g) (a) within 60 days of the date on which the vacancy first exists, all of the
24 following apply:

1 (a) If the vacancy is in a unified school district that encompasses a city with a
2 population greater than 75,000 but less than 100,000 and that encompasses at least
3 2 villages, the school board president of the unified school district may appoint an
4 individual to fill the vacancy.

5 (b) Subject to par. (a), the remaining members of the school board may fill the
6 vacancy in accordance with the school board's policy under s. 120.12 (28).

7 **SECTION 5.** 17.26 (1m) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act ...
8 (this act), is repealed.

9 **SECTION 6.** 17.26 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 17.26 (1g) (b).

10 **SECTION 7.** 17.26 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 17.26 (3) Any person selected under sub. ~~(1)~~ (1g) (a) or (1m), upon being notified
12 of his or her selection, shall be deemed to have accepted the selection unless within
13 5 days after notification he or she files with the clerk or director a written refusal to
14 serve.

15 **SECTION 8.** 17.26 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 17.26 (1g) (c).

16 **SECTION 9.** 120.06 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 120.06 (7) (b) The school board shall require a primary election if there are
18 more than 2 candidates for any seat on a 3-member board or more than twice as
19 many candidates as there are members to be elected to an unnumbered school board
20 of more than 3 members. In school districts in which a plan of apportionment of
21 school board members under s. 120.02 (2), an apportionment plan that apportions
22 the territory of the school district into election districts under s. 120.42 (1m), or a plan
23 for election of school board members to numbered seats has been adopted, the school
24 board shall require a primary election for particular apportioned areas for which
25 there are more than twice as many candidates as there are members to be elected and

1 for any numbered seat for which there are more than 2 candidates. When there is
2 a primary election it shall be held in conjunction with the spring primary.

3 **SECTION 10.** 120.12 (28) of the statutes is created to read:

4 120.12 (28) SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES. By July 1, 2016, adopt a policy on how
5 the school board will fill a vacancy on the school board if the remaining school board
6 members do not fill the vacancy under s. 17.26 (1g) (a) within 60 days of the date on
7 which the vacancy first exists.

8 **SECTION 11.** 120.42 (1m) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
9 55, is renumbered 120.42 (1m) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:

10 120.42 (1m) (b) (intro.) Within The school board shall adopt a district
11 apportionment plan that apportions the territory of the school district into election
12 districts pursuant to the representation plan as follows:

13 1. Within 60 days after establishing the representation plan under par. (a), ~~and~~
14 ~~decennially thereafter within.~~

15 2. Within 60 days after the population count by census block, established in the
16 decennial federal census of population, and maps showing the location and
17 numbering of census blocks become available in printed form from the federal
18 government or are published for distribution by an agency of this state, ~~the school~~
19 ~~board shall adopt a district apportionment plan that apportions the territory of the~~
20 ~~school district into election districts pursuant to the representation plan and~~
21 decennially thereafter.

22 **SECTION 12.** 120.42 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 120.42 (3) All vacancies shall be filled by appointment, in accordance with s.
24 17.26 (1) ~~(1g) (a) or (1m).~~

