

## UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT

When a vacancy on the School Committee occurs for any reason, the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Committee share the responsibility for filling it.

As provided in the Town's bylaws, the School Committee will notify the Selectmen that a vacancy has been created within 30 days after it has occurred. After one week's notice has been given by the Committee to the Selectmen, so that voters of the town may have the opportunity to state their candidacy, the two governing bodies will meet to fill the vacancy by joint roll call vote.

If the School Committee does not give such notice to the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days following the date on which the vacancy occurs, the Board of Selectmen shall, after seven days public notice, fill such vacancy without participation by the remaining members of the School Committee.

For election to fill a vacancy, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes of the officers entitled to vote. The person so elected will fill the seat on the Committee until the next town election, at which time a member will be elected to serve the remainder of the term, if any.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 41:11

**NOTE: The substance of most statements in this category is usually established by law. Certain points may be School Committee policy. City and town charters often set forth procedures for filling vacancies on the School Committee; references to these should be added, if appropriate. A regional school district should also refer to the regional agreement if portions apply.**