



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 421: Fill Vacancy on Bd of Comm by Party/Chatham

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Elections	Date:	April 16, 2015
Introduced by:	Rep. Reives	Prepared by:	Kara McCraw
Analysis of:	First Edition		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *House Bill 421 would require that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners fill vacancies by party recommendation.*

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 153A-27 and G.S. 153A-27.1 provide alternate methods for filling vacancies on boards of commissioners.

Under G.S. 153A-27, the general law, the appointing authority has discretion to make the appointment without being bound by the recommendation of the executive committee of party of the vacating official.

Under G.S. 153A-27.1, which currently governs 42 counties, if the vacating member was elected as a nominee of a political party, the appointing authority is bound by the recommendation of the county executive committee of the appropriate political party, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 421 would add Chatham County to the list of counties governed by G.S. 153A-27.1, requiring the appointing authority to appoint the recommendation of the county executive committee of the appropriate political party, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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