



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

HOUSE BILL 88: Guilford Board of Education Vacancies.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Redistricting and Elections. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 1, 2023
Introduced by:	Reps. Hardister, Faircloth	Prepared by:	Erika Churchill
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 88 would clarify how vacancies are to be filled on the Guilford County Board of Education.

CURRENT LAW: The Guilford County Board of Education (Board) consists of nine members elected for staggered four-year terms in partisan elections. Eight members are elected from single-member electoral districts, and one member is elected from the county at-large. Members are elected at the general election in even-numbered years, and take office on the first Monday in December following the election. Elections are conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers.

Vacancies on the Board are filled by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board present and voting. G.S. 115C-37.1 applies to vacancies on the Board, which requires the Board to appoint the person recommended by the county executive committee of the political party of the vacating member, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The appointee serves for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacating member.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would clarify that vacancies on the Guilford County Board of Education are to be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires the remaining members of the Board to appoint the person recommended by the county executive committee of the political party of the vacating member, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The individual filling the vacancy would serve until the next election for members of the Guilford County Board of Education, at which time the remaining unexpired term would be filled by election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law and apply to vacancies existing on or after that date.

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