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SENATE BILL 876: Rowan County/Bd. of Commissioners/Vacancies.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	May 19, 2026
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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 876 would change the method of filling vacancies for the Rowan County Board of Commissioners.

CURRENT LAW: When a vacancy on a county board of commissioners occurs, generally that vacancy is filled in accordance with G.S. 153A-27 or G.S. 153A-27.1. Currently, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners fills vacancies in accordance with G.S. 153A-27. Under both statutory processes, the remaining members of the board appoint a new member to fill that vacancy. G.S. 153A-27 requires consultation with the executive committee of the political party of the vacating member but the board is not bound by that political party's recommendation. G.S. 153A-27.1 requires consultation with the executive committee of the political party of the vacating member and provides that the board must appoint the political party's recommendation, if that recommendation is made within 30 days of the vacancy.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 876 would add Rowan County to the list of counties in which G.S. 153A-27.1 applies; therefore, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners would be bound by the recommendation of the political party of the vacating member when filling a vacancy on the board, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Senate Bill 876 would be effective when it becomes law and apply to vacancies filled on or after that date.

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