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## **S.F. No. 4951 – School Board Vacancy Modifications**

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**Section 1 [§123B.09, subd. 5; Appointments to fill vacancies; special elections]** modifies the process for filling vacancies on school boards. If a vacancy occurs with less than two years remaining in the term, the board fills the vacancy by appointment and there is no special election. If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days before the expiration of the term, the board may, but is not required to, fill the vacancy by appointment. Strikes the provision that allows the person elected at a special election to take office immediately after receiving the certificate of election, filing the bond, and taking the oath of office.

Under current law, a special election is required if the vacancy occurs less than 90 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the third year of the term, no special election is required.

This section is effective July 1, 2024, and applies to vacancies occurring on or after that date.