## **Bill Summary**

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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 1284 modifies language regarding the filling of school board vacancies. It directs vacancies to be filled by election, rather than appointment by the board. The bill directs a board of education to make a vacancy declaration, set the filing dates for the declarations of candidacy, and adopt a resolution calling for a special election. It states that if the vacancy is declared in the first 14 days of November, the vacancy shall be filled using the regular election process, but if the vacancy is declared any other time of the year, the board will call a special election. It requires the special election to be held no later than 75 days after the vacancy has been declared. The measure also directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction, rather than the board, to fill vacancies created when no candidate files for a vacant office.

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