

Senate Fiscal Summary

1st Session of the 60th Legislature



Senate Bill 709

Version:	INT
Agency:	Election Bd./SDE
Senate Author:	Pugh
House Author:	
FY'26 Impact:	\$0
Full Year Impact:	\$0

Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

This bill requires vacancies for members of the board of education of a school district or technology center school to be filled by election for the balance of the unexpired term. It directs candidates for board special elections to file on a Monday through the following Wednesday that is at least 10 days after the seat has been declared vacant. The bill states that if a vacancy is declared within the first 14 days of November, the board shall use the regular election process to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy is declared at any other time of the year, the board shall call for a special election. It states that if no candidate files for the open board of education seat, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the board.

The school board would be responsible for reimbursing the county election board for the actual costs of the election, such as ballots, precinct officials, polling place rental fees, county election board meetings and overtime, etc. This would vary depending on the size of the school district and the number of eligible voters.

Fiscal Impact Provided by the State Election Board.