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SB 885 – Carroll County Board of Education – Vacancy Procedures - Alterations

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

This bill alters the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Carroll County Board of Education by granting the Carroll County Board of Commissioners the authority to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy. This bill only applies to the Carroll County Board of Education.

If the vacancy occurs 31 days or more before the filing deadline for the primary election that is held in the second year of the vacating member's term, the County Commissioners will appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy until a successor is elected in the next general election.

If the vacancy occurs 30 days or more before the filing deadline for the primary election that is held in the second year of the vacating member's term, the County Commissioners will appoint a qualified individual who will fill the vacancy for the remainder of the four-year term.

Under current law, a vacancy on the Carroll County Board of Education shall be appointed by the Governor. The Carroll County Delegation believes that this power should be granted to our county's local government, the County Commissioners.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 885.