



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2198

~~fire districts, vacancies, board operations~~

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Prime Sponsor: Representative Coleman, LD 16

DPA S/E Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety

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X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2198 makes changes to statute regarding how a vacancy is filled on a fire district board (board).

PROVISIONS

1. Requires a board to have a quorum of members in order to fill a vacancy on the board, unless the vacancy is a result of the expiration of a term.
2. Requires a quorum of board members to fill a vacancy within 90 days after the date of the vacancy.
3. Requires a county board of supervisors to appoint an interim member, if the vacancy is not filled within the 90 day statutory timeframe.
4. Specifies that if a board does not have a sufficient number of members to obtain a quorum, the county board of supervisors must appoint interim district board members to fill the vacancies, or an administrator who is required to serve until the next general election.
5. States that a majority of the board constitutes a quorum.
6. Requires the fire district association to annually submit a report which lists the fire chiefs and elected officials who have attended mandatory training.
7. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW

[A.R.S. § 48-803](#) outlines the procedures that are to be taken in the event that a vacancy, other than from expiration of a term, occurs on a fire district board. When a vacancy occurs, the remaining members are to appoint an interim member to fill the vacancy within 90 days after the date of the vacancy. If the remaining members fail to fill the vacancy within the time allotted, the fire district board's respective county board of supervisors has an additional 60 days to appoint an interim member. If an entire fire district board resigns, the county board of supervisors is required to appoint an administrator, who is to administer the board with the same duties and obligations of the elected board.