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municipal council vacancies; appointment; deadline

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HOUSE BILL 2426

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9-235, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CITY AND TOWN COUNCILS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 9-235, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 9-235. Vacancies in council

5 A. The council shall fill a vacancy that may occur by appointment
6 until the next regularly scheduled council election if the vacancy occurs
7 more than thirty days before the nomination petition deadline.

8 ~~;~~ Otherwise the appointment is for the unexpired term. If the city or
9 town by ordinance provides that at the primary election any candidate for
10 the office of mayor or city council who receives a majority of all votes
11 cast at that election for that office is declared elected to the office
12 and a candidate to fill the vacancy in that office receives a majority of
13 all votes cast for that office at the primary election, section 9-821.01,
14 subsection D applies.

15 B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE AN
16 APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY THAT OCCURS ON THE COUNCIL WITHIN SIXTY
17 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE COUNCIL RECEIVES NOTICE OF THE VACANCY UNLESS NO
18 CANDIDATE MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 9-232.

19 C. This ~~subsection~~ SECTION does not apply to a charter city.

20 ~~B. D.~~ D. The member appointed shall meet the qualifications
21 established in section 9-232.