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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation adds to the circumstances under which elective local offices would be considered vacant, to include when the local government office holder becomes a federal, statewide, or state legislative office holder. It would not apply to those who hold state legislative office as a temporary or emergency successor.

This change will ensure that a federal, statewide, or state legislative office holder's full attention and focus is given to the high office to which they have been elected, and their interest in the well-being of the citizens of their state or district is neither divided nor weighted. In addition, it prevents the concentration of power and allows more voices to be heard and represented in all facets of our government.

FISCAL NOTE

Since this legislation would not impact any office holder until after the 2025 elections, any attempt to predict whether this legislation would create additional vacancies in elective local government offices would be speculative. However, if it were to create a vacancy in an elective local government office, the procedures for filling such a vacancy are well-established in law and require no expenditure of public funds to execute.

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