

HOUSE No. 4246

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to filling a temporary vacancy in the United States Senate..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 140 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following new
3 subsection:—

4 (f) Upon failure to choose a senator in congress or upon a vacancy in said office the
5 governor shall make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy; provided, however, that the
6 person so appointed shall serve until the election and qualification of the person duly elected to
7 fill such vacancy pursuant to paragraph (a) or paragraph (c); and provided further, any person so
8 appointed shall be of the same political party as the person vacating the office and thereby
9 creating the vacancy.