

HOUSE No. 656

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Relative to Filling a Temporary Vacancy in the United State 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

2 Section 140 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2006 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (e), the following new subsection:

4 (f) The Governor shall appoint an interim Senator to a senate vacancy after the deadline
5 for qualifying as a candidate in the special senate election has passed, provided the appointee is
6 not a candidate in said special senate election. The appointed senator shall serve until a
7 successor is duly elected.