

**877—6.5(84A,PL105-220) Appointment process.**

**6.5(1)** In making appointments to the boards, the chief local elected officials shall submit a list of nominees for a board vacancy to the department within 45 days of the vacancy. Chief elected officials shall submit at least two nominees for each vacancy for the governor to review.

**6.5(2)** The governor shall review the list, add or delete nominees from the list, and return the revised list to the chief elected officials within 45 days of receipt of the list by the department.

**6.5(3)** The chief elected officials will review the revised list and make the final selection of a person to fill a vacancy from the revised list. If the revised list of candidates is not acceptable to the chief elected officials, the chief elected officials may submit new candidates to the governor for consideration within 45 days and repeat the process specified in subrules 6.5(1) and 6.5(2) until a candidate is appointed.

**6.5(4)** The chief elected officials will send an appointment letter to the person selected to fill the vacancy on behalf of the chief elected officials and the governor within 30 days of receipt of the revised list and send a copy of the letter to the department.

**6.5(5)** If the chief elected officials fail to submit nominations for a vacancy within the 45-day time period or fail to reach agreement locally on appointments to the board, the governor may appoint a person to fill the vacancy.