

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 22-4662
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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

VACANCIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 1 - GENERALLY, SECTION 2-142 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-142. – Vacancies

The following provisions shall apply to the following **separately elected positions: Assessor, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer.** ~~all separately electeds contemplated in this section:~~

(a) *Committee of same political party to appoint.* In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled to no longer than the end of the unexpired term as dictated by this Section by appointment. The appointment shall be done by the appropriate committeepersons of the political party of which the incumbent was a candidate at the time of the candidate's election or appointment. The appointee shall also be of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment.

(b) *Composition of committee.* In the event of a vacancy, the committee that shall appoint the separately elected shall consist of **Cook County** committeepersons of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment. In making appointments under this Section, each committeeperson shall be entitled to one vote. A candidate is required to receive the majority of the total number of votes **in order** to be appointed. ~~the successor.~~

(c) *Written appointment filed with County Clerk.* Appointments made under this Section shall be in writing and shall be signed by members of the committeepersons whose total votes are sufficient to make the appointments. Such appointments shall be filed with the County Clerk.

(d) *Duration.* An appointment made under this Section shall be for no longer than 28 months to the end of the unexpired term. If more than 28 months of the unexpired term of an elected official remains, a special election shall be held at the next general election to elect a person to serve the unexpired term of the elected official. In the case of a special election, the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified. If 28 months or less of the unexpired term remain, the appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.