



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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Chapter 42 - HUMAN RELATIONS

Article IV. - Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance

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Sec. 42-801 - Title, Purpose & Scope

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Sec. 42-811 - Security Deposit

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