



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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**THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FILE 19-3602 REPLACES ANY PREVIOUS AMENDMENT  
(Rules & Administration Committee 06/05/2019 at 1:46pm)**

Sponsored by: **DONNA MILLER**, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULES CONCERNING CREATION AND AUTHORITY OF  
COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Administration, Article 3, County Board, Division 2, Rules of Organization and Procedure, Sections 2-71 and 2-112 are hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 2-71. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in Article III, County Board of the Cook County Code, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section.

*Board or County Board* means the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

*Clerk* means the Clerk of the County Board, appointed by the County Clerk.

*Commissioner* means any duly elected or duly appointed Cook County Board Commissioner, and means the same as "member" of the Board.

*Commission* means any commission, task force, advisory committee authorized by the Cook County Board pursuant to Sec. 2-112 to address an issue of concern to the County relevant to a Standing Committee, but shall not include the Human Rights Commission, the Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Justice Advisory Council, Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board, or other Commissions that are authorized to be permanent in nature.

*Committee* means a committee of the Board and includes a standing committee, a special committee and a standing or special subcommittee of a committee.

*Committee of the whole* means a committee comprised of all Commissioners as required by this division.

*Majority* means a simple majority of those Commissioners present and entitled to vote on a question.

*Majority of those elected* means a majority of the total number of Commissioners entitled by law to be elected to the Board, irrespective of the number of elected or appointed Commissioners actually serving in office. So long as 17 Commissioners are entitled to be elected to the Board, a vote of a "majority of those elected" shall mean nine affirmative votes.

*Majority votes.* Except as otherwise provided in these rules, and except for questions for which a higher majority is required by law, all questions shall be determined by a majority vote of those Commissioners entitled to vote. A vote of "present" shall not be counted in determining the number of Commissioners voting on a question.

*President* means the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

*Quorum* means a majority of those elected (nine Commissioners when board is comprised of 17 members) shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board or a meeting of a committee of the whole. A majority of Commissioners appointed to any committee, other than a committee of the whole, shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of such committee or subcommittee.

*Secretary* means the Secretary to the Board, duly appointed by the President.

*Standing Committee* means the standing committees provided in Sec. 2-109(i).

*Term* means the four-year term of office established by State law for the President and the Commissioners

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### **Sec. 2-112. Commissions**

(a) ~~Effective in FY 2019 and each year thereafter, the~~ The County Board shall have the authority by ordinance or resolution to create Commissions to address issues related or relevant to a Standing Committee of the County Board.

(b) The Chair or Vice-Chair of the applicable Standing Committee relevant to the Commission must serve as the Chair of the Commission.

(c) Commissions shall be temporary in nature and shall not exceed 12 months in duration unless otherwise approved by the Board.

(d) Commissions shall be staffed by the Chair of the Commission with existing resources.

(e) Other than Commissioners and County employees, Commission members may not serve on more than one Commission with concurrent terms.

(ef) Commissions shall issue their reports or findings to the applicable Standing Committee.

(fg) The authorizing ordinance or resolution for a Commission shall explicitly state:

(1) The purpose for which the Commission is being created;

(2) The Standing Committee to which the Commission is applicable;

(3) The number of members of the Commission and method by which they will be selected or appointed.

(4) The Chair or Vice-Chair of the applicable Standing Committee shall be the Chair of the Commission;

(5) The date by which the work of the Commission will be completed, which shall not exceed 12 months in duration, unless otherwise approved by the County Board.

(6) The length of service of the members of the Commission;

(7) The frequency the Commission shall meet which shall not be more than one time per month;

(8) That meetings of the Commission will be open to the public and comply with the requirements of the Open

Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act;

Effective Date: This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective immediately upon passage.