



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

## AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO COOK COUNTY BUREAUS

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 1 of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

### **Section 2-141. - Presidential Appointments**

The following Cook County employees shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners:

- (a) Public Defender (pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-4004.1);
- (b) Director of Facilities Management (pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-14003);
- (c) Budget Director (pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-14005);
- (d) Chief Administrative Officer (pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-14006); and
- (e) Chief Information Officer (pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-14010);

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 42, Article II, Section 42-34 (a)(6) of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

### **Sec. 42-34. - Commission on Human Rights.**

The organization and administration of the Cook County Commission on Human Rights shall be sufficiently independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Commission on Human Rights.

- (a) *Enforcement.*
  - (1) The President shall appoint 11 members to a Commission on Human Rights ("Commission") subject to approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In appointing members to the Commission, the President shall take into account the diversity of communities and conditions protected by this article and shall seek the input of affected communities. Four of the initial appointees shall be appointed for term expiring on July 1 of the year following their appointment, four shall be appointed for term expiring on July 1 of the second year following their appointment, and three shall be appointed for terms ending on July 1 of the third year following their appointment. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-year terms.

- (2) Each member of the Commission:
  - a. Shall reside within the corporate boundaries of the County;
  - b. Shall not be an employee of the County during the member's term; and
  - c. Shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of Commission duties.
- (3) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.
- (4) At its first meeting after July 1 of each year, the Commission shall elect from its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the Commission. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.
- (5) The President may remove any member of the Commission for incompetence, substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct, malfeasance in office, or violation of any law, after written notice, stating with particularity the grounds for removal and providing an opportunity for the member to respond.
- (6) The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall appoint an Executive Director of the staff for the Commission. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Commission and its staff.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2, Subdivision IV, Section 2-591 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-591. Composition and powers.**

The organization and administration of the Cook County Board of Ethics shall be sufficiently independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Board of Ethics. The composition and powers of the Board of Ethics are as follows:

- (1) The Board of Ethics shall be composed of five members appointed by the President of the County Board with the advice and consent of the County Board and will take into account the diversity of communities and conditions protected by this article. The Board of Ethics shall have an executive director who shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 1, Section 2-473 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-473. - Cook County Justice Advisory Council.**

- (a) There is hereby created a Judicial Advisory Council which shall consist of five members

who shall be appointed by the President of the County Board; said Council shall be referred to as the Cook County Justice Advisory Council. All shall be persons learned in the law, and two at least of their number shall be members of the judiciary. The persons thus appointed shall hold office for four years and until their respective successors have been duly appointed and qualified. They shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in carrying out the duties defined by this section. The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall appoint an Executive Director of the Justice Advisory Council.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-32 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 26-32. - Executive Director.**

- (a) The Executive Director of the DHSEM shall be appointed by the President of the County Board of Commissioners with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners and shall serve until removed by the President.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 1, Section 2-471 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-471. - Veteran's Assistance Commission.**

The County Board does concur in the action of the President of the County Board in incorporating the activities of the Veteran's Assistance Commission of Cook County into the County Bureau of Administration. The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall appoint the Superintendant of the Veterans Assistance Commission.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Section 2-102 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-102. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) *Board* means the County Board.
- (b) *Commissioner* means any duly elected or duly appointed County Board Commissioner, and means the same as "member" of the Board.
- (c) *Committee* means a committee of the Board and includes a standing committee, a special committee

and a standing or special subcommittee of a committee.

(d) *Clerk* means the Clerk of the Board.

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

(f) *Majority* means a simple majority of those Commissioners present and entitled to vote on a question, while a Majority vote means the vote of a simple majority of those Commissioners present and entitled to vote on a question.

(g) *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.

(h) *President* means the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

(i) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Board who has been appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners.

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

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 44, Article II, Section 44-45 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 44-45. - Bureau of Human Resources.**

(a) *Established; Chief of Human Resources to be Chief Executive Officer of Bureau of Human Resources.* There is hereby established a bureau which shall be known as the Bureau of Human Resources. The Chief of Human Resources shall be the chief executive officer of the Bureau of Human Resources and shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, and shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The Chief of Human Resources shall be responsible for the general management and control of the Bureau of Human Resources in a manner consistent with the ordinances of the County, the laws of the state, and the rules of the Bureau.

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- (1) The Board of Ethics shall be composed of five members appointed by the President of the County Board with the advice and consent of the County Board and will take into account the diversity of communities and conditions protected by this article. The Board of Ethics shall have an executive director who shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners.

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-2 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 10-2. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Administrator* means the licensed veterinarian appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the County Board, pursuant to the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1 et seq.) or authorized representative.

*Animal* means any live vertebrate creature except man.

*Animal capable of transmitting rabies* means all animals classified as mammals.

*Animal control warden* means an employee of the County appointed by the Administrator to powers in the enforcement of this chapter.

*Bird* means any flying vertebrate that is covered with feathers.

*Bite* means seizure of a person with the jaws or teeth of any cat, dog or other animal capable of transmitting rabies so that the person so seized has been wounded or pierced and further includes contact of the saliva of cat, dog or other animal with any break or abrasion of the skin.

*Cat* means all members of the classification, *Felis catus*.

*Confined* means the restriction of the cat, dog or other animal at all times by the owner in a manner that will isolate the cat, dog or other animal from the public and other cats, dogs or other animals.

*Control* means any owned animal that is either secured by a leash or lead, or within the premises of its owner, or confined within a crate or cage, or confined within a vehicle, or within the premises of another person with the consent of that person.

*Dangerous or vicious animal* means any animal which has known vicious propensities or which has been known to attack or injure any person who was peacefully conducting themselves in any place where they may lawfully be.

*Dog* means all members of the classification, *Canis familiaris*.

*Domestic animal* means any animal which has been domesticated by man so as to live and breed in a tame condition.

*Guard dog* means a dog used in a commercial business or by a municipal or police department for the purposes

of patrol and protection.

*Inoculation against rabies* means the injection of a rabies vaccine approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and administered by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the company's recommendations for the vaccine used.

*Owner* means any person having the right of property in an animal, who keeps or harbors an animal, who has it in their care, acts as its custodian or who knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by them unless possession is prohibited by Federal or State laws. Native wildlife remaining on or about any premises shall not be included in this definition.

*Pound* means any facility licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and approved by the Administration for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and used as a shelter for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals.

*Service animal* means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

*Stray animal* means any owned animal that is not controlled.

*Tethering* means to restrain a dog by tying the dog to any object or structure, including without limitation a house, tree, fence, post, garage, shed, [or] clothes line by any means, including without limitation a chain, rope, cord, leash or running line.

*Tow chain or log chain* means any chain that is more than one-quarter of an inch in width.

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