



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1270

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Sen. Seth Lewis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Local Government Chairperson Term Limit Review Act. Provides that, no later than December 31, 2025, and no less than every 2 years thereafter, a governmental unit that is governed by an elected governing body that has not enacted term limits for the board's chairperson by ordinance or resolution shall consider and decide, by verbal or written vote, ordinance, resolution, or referendum of the electors of the governmental unit, whether to impose term limits for the chairperson of the governing body. Defines "governmental unit" as a unit of local government or school district. Provides that, if a governmental unit has a term limit policy for the chairperson of its governing body, before a person may be elected chairperson, the governmental unit's clerk or secretary shall determine which members of the governing body are eligible to serve as chairperson of the governing body based upon the term limit policy. Provides that the clerk or secretary shall submit an eligibility report to the governing body listing those members who are eligible and ineligible before the meeting at which the chairperson is to be elected. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Local  
5 Government Chairperson Term Limit Review Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Chairperson" means a chairperson, president, or  
8 executive, by whatever name, of the governing board of a  
9 governmental unit.

10 "Governmental unit" means a unit of local government or  
11 school district.

12 Section 10. Home rule. A home rule unit may not regulate  
13 term limits in a manner inconsistent with this Act. This Act is  
14 a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII  
15 of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by  
16 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the  
17 State.

18 Section 15. Two-year review of term limits for  
19 chairpersons.

20 (a) No later than December 31, 2025, and no less than every  
21 2 years thereafter, a governmental unit that is governed by an

1 elected governing body that has not enacted term limits for  
2 the board's chairperson by ordinance or resolution shall  
3 consider and decide, by verbal or written vote, ordinance,  
4 resolution, or referendum of the electors of the governmental  
5 unit, whether to impose term limits for the chairperson of the  
6 governing body.

7 (b) This Section does not apply to governing or  
8 administrative bodies whose members are appointed by a board  
9 of a governmental unit or by a government official.

10 Section 20. Review of term limit policy before electing  
11 chairperson.

12 (a) If a governmental unit has a term limit policy for the  
13 chairperson of its governing body, before a person may be  
14 elected chairperson, the governmental unit's clerk or  
15 secretary shall determine which members of the governing body  
16 are eligible to serve as chairperson of the governing body  
17 based upon the term limit policy. The clerk or secretary shall  
18 submit an eligibility report to the governing body listing  
19 those members who are eligible and ineligible before the  
20 meeting at which the chairperson is to be elected.

21 (b) Only after the governing body of a governmental unit  
22 receives the eligibility report may the governing body elect a  
23 chairperson.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.