



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB1595

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/2-1003

from Ch. 34, par. 2-1003

Amends the Counties Code. In a division concerning counties under township organization, provides that the chairman and vice-chairman of the county board shall be elected by a majority of those elected to the board. Provides that, if the position of chairman becomes vacant, the vice-chairman shall serve as chairman until a new chairman is elected to fill the remainder of the departing chairman's 2-year term. Effective January 1, 2022.

LRB102 11635 AWJ 16969 b

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 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 2-1003 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/2-1003) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-1003)

7 Sec. 2-1003. Chairman and vice-chairman of county board.

8 The county board shall, unless the chairman is elected by the
9 voters of the county, at its first meeting in the month
10 following the month in which county board members are elected,
11 choose one of its members as chairman for a term of 2 years and
12 at the same meeting, choose one of its members as
13 vice-chairman for a term of 2 years. The chairman and
14 vice-chairman shall be elected by a majority of those elected
15 to the board. The vice-chairman shall serve in the place of the
16 chairman at any meeting of the county board in which the
17 chairman is not present. In case of the absence of the chairman
18 and the vice-chairman at any meeting, the members present
19 shall choose one of their number as temporary chairman. If the
20 position of chairman becomes vacant, the vice-chairman shall
21 serve as chairman until a new chairman is elected to fill the
22 remainder of the departing chairman's 2-year term.

23 A chairman who is chosen by the county board may be

1 removed, with or without cause, upon a motion adopted by an
2 affirmative vote of four-fifths of the county board. Upon
3 adoption of a motion to remove the chairman: (i) the chairman
4 position becomes vacant and the former chairman's compensation
5 shall be prorated to the date the motion was approved; (ii) the
6 vice-chairman immediately assumes the duties of chairman
7 without chairman compensation; and (iii) a new chairman shall
8 be elected at the next regularly scheduled county board
9 meeting. A chairman removed under this Section maintains his
10 or her status as a member of the county board.

11 (Source: P.A. 101-544, eff. 8-23-19.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
13 1, 2022.