

HB4556



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Mary Gill

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-7002

from Ch. 34, par. 3-7002

Amends the Counties Code. Makes a technical change in a provision concerning the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board.

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A BILL FOR

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 3-7002 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-7002) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-7002)

7 Sec. 3-7002. Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board. There is
8 created the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board, hereinafter
9 called the ~~the~~ Board, consisting of not less than 3 and not
10 more than 7 members appointed by the Sheriff with the advice
11 and consent of three-fifths of the county board, except that
12 the Sheriff may appoint 2 additional members, with the advice
13 and consent of three-fifths of the county board, at his or her
14 discretion. Of the members first appointed, one shall serve
15 until the third Monday in March, 1965 one until the third
16 Monday in March, 1967, and one until the third Monday in March,
17 1969. Of the 2 additional members first appointed under
18 authority of this amendatory Act of 1991, one shall serve
19 until the third Monday in March, 1995, and one until the third
20 Monday in March, 1997. Of the 2 additional members first
21 appointed under the authority of this amendatory Act of the
22 91st General Assembly, one shall serve until the third Monday
23 in March, 2005 and one shall serve until the third Monday in

1 March, 2006.

2 Upon the expiration of the terms of office of those first
3 appointed (including the 2 additional members first appointed
4 under authority of this amendatory Act of 1991 and under the
5 authority of this amendatory Act of the 91st General
6 Assembly), their respective successors shall be appointed to
7 hold office from the third Monday in March of the year of their
8 respective appointments for a term of 6 years and until their
9 successors are appointed and qualified for a like term. As
10 additional members are appointed under authority of this
11 amendatory Act of 1997, their terms shall be set to be
12 staggered consistently with the terms of the existing Board
13 members.

14 Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the
15 contrary, the term of office of each member of the Board is
16 abolished on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
17 100th General Assembly. Of the 7 members first appointed after
18 the effective date of this Act of the 100th General Assembly, 2
19 shall serve until the third Monday in March 2019, 2 shall serve
20 until the third Monday in March 2021, and 3 members shall serve
21 until the third Monday in March 2023. The terms of the 2
22 additional members first appointed after the effective date of
23 this Act of the 100th General Assembly shall be staggered
24 consistently with the terms of the other Board members.
25 Successors or reappointments shall be appointed to hold office
26 for a term ending on the third Monday in March 6 years

1 following the preceding term expiration. Each member of the
2 Board shall hold office until his or her successor is
3 appointed and qualified or the member is reappointed. In all
4 appointments, the county board has the power to approve terms
5 to ensure the Board fulfills its mandate.

6 In the case of a vacancy in the office of a member prior to
7 the conclusion of the member's term, the Sheriff shall, with
8 the advice and consent of three-fifths of the county board,
9 appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired
10 term.

11 No more than one-half plus one of the members of the Board
12 shall be affiliated with the same political party. Political
13 affiliation is determined, for purposes of this Section, as
14 the political affiliation an appointed member has or does not
15 have at the time the appointment is approved by the county
16 board and shall continue to be so determined until the member
17 discontinues serving on the Board. No member shall have held
18 or have been a candidate for an elective public office within
19 one year preceding his or her appointment.

20 The Sheriff may deputize members of the Board.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-562, eff. 12-8-17; 100-912, eff. 8-17-18.)