

AN ACT concerning law enforcement.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 3-7002 as follows:

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

Sec. 3-7002. Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board. There is created the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board, hereinafter called the Board, consisting of 7 members appointed by the Sheriff with the advice and consent of three-fifths of the county board, except that ~~on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997,~~ the Sheriff may appoint 2 additional members, with the advice and consent of three-fifths of the county board, at his or her discretion. Of the members first appointed, one shall serve until the third Monday in March, 1965 one until the third Monday in March, 1967, and one until the third Monday in March, 1969. Of the 2 additional members first appointed under authority of this amendatory Act of 1991, one shall serve until the third Monday in March, 1995, and one until the third Monday in March, 1997. Of the 2 additional members first appointed under the authority of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, one shall serve until the third Monday in March, 2005 and one shall serve until

the third Monday in March, 2006.

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

Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, the term of office of each member of the Board is abolished on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly. Of the 7 members first appointed after the effective date of this Act of the 100th General Assembly, 2 shall serve until the third Monday in March 2019, 2 shall serve until the third Monday in March 2021, and 3 members shall serve until the third Monday in March 2023. The terms of the 2 additional members first appointed after the effective date of this Act of the 100th General Assembly shall be staggered consistently with the terms of the other Board members. Successors shall be appointed to hold office from the third Monday in March of the year of their respective appointments for a term of 6 years. Each member of the Board shall hold

office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

No more than 3 members of the Board shall be affiliated with the same political party, except that as additional members are appointed by the Sheriff ~~under authority of this amendatory Act of 1997 and under the authority of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly,~~ the political affiliation of the Board shall be such that no more than one-half of the members plus one additional member may be affiliated with the same political party. No member shall have held or have been a candidate for an elective public office within one year preceding his or her appointment.

The Sheriff may deputize members of the Board.

(Source: P.A. 90-447, eff. 8-16-97; 90-511, eff. 8-22-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-722, eff. 6-2-00.)

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