

TOPIC: Authority and Process to Remove a County Board Chair chosen by the County Board

Issue: The Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/2-1003) currently provides that in situations where a county board chair is not elected by the voters that the chair be chosen by the board from its members for a term of two years. The Code does not currently enable a non-home rule county to (a) remove the chair chosen by the board; or (b) replace the chair chosen and removed by the chair.

Recommendation: *Sponsor* an amendment to the Illinois Counties Code enabling a county board which chooses its chair from its members to (a) remove the chair designation; and (b) select a new chair upon removal by the board. The amendment should address the timing of the replacement of a chair chosen by a board based on removal. The removal of the chair would apply only to the chair designation, not to the chair's election as a county board member.

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- Promotes Transparency
- Mitigates Inefficiency

Value(s) of the County Board Strategic Plan

- Leadership
- Operational Excellence