

SB1547



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Paul Faraci

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-22

from Ch. 24, par. 3.1-20-22

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that, if a majority of voters in a city of less than 100,000 inhabitants vote in favor of a proposition to stagger the terms of alderpersons, then in a city with an odd number of wards at the next regular election for alderpersons, one alderperson shall be elected from each odd-numbered ward for a term of 2 years and one alderperson shall be elected from each even-numbered ward for a term of 4 years

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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 Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Section 3.1-20-22 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-22) (from Ch. 24, par. 3.1-20-22)

7 Sec. 3.1-20-22. Alderpersons; staggered terms. In any city
8 of less than 100,000 inhabitants, a proposition to stagger the
9 terms of alderpersons, with as nearly as possible one-half of
10 the alderpersons elected every 2 years, shall be certified by
11 the city clerk to the proper election authority, who shall
12 submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the
13 general election law, if a petition requesting that action is
14 signed by electors of the city numbering at least 10% of the
15 total vote cast at the last election for mayor of the city and
16 is filed with the city clerk.

17 The ballot shall have printed on it, but not as a part of
18 the proposition submitted, the following information for
19 voters: one alderperson elected from each even-numbered ward
20 shall serve a term of 2 years; one alderperson elected from
21 each odd-numbered ward shall serve a term of 4 years.

22 The proposition shall be substantially in the following
23 form:

1 Shall (name of city) adopt a system of staggered terms
2 for alderpersons?

3 If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in
4 favor of it, then (i) in a city with an even number of wards at
5 the next regular election for alderpersons, one alderperson
6 shall be elected from each even-numbered ward for a term of 2
7 years and one alderperson shall be elected from each
8 odd-numbered ward for a term of 4 years and (ii) in a city with
9 an odd number of wards at the next regular election for
10 alderpersons, one alderperson shall be elected from each
11 odd-numbered ward for a term of 2 years and one alderperson
12 shall be elected from each even-numbered ward for a term of 4
13 years. Thereafter, their successors shall be elected for terms
14 of 4 years.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)