

1 AN ACT concerning recall of countywide elected officials.

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 adding Division
5 3-16 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/Div. 3-16 heading new)

7 Division 3-16. Recall of Countywide Elected Officials

8 (55 ILCS 5/3-16001 new)

9 Sec. 3-16001. Recall of a countywide elected official.

10 (a) Sangamon County may establish a process by which
11 countywide elected officials may be recalled by the electors
12 of the county, by submitting the proposition to the electors
13 of the county and obtaining their approval of the proposition
14 at a referendum held at the general election of 2026 as
15 provided in Section 3-16002. A referendum to adopt a process
16 by which countywide elected officials may be recalled by the
17 electors may be called for by a resolution adopted before the
18 general election of 2026 by the county board of Sangamon
19 County.

20 (b) As used in this Division, "countywide elected
21 official" means a county officer who holds an elective office
22 under Article 3 of this Code, but it does not include an

officer who is elected by electors outside of Sangamon County.

(55 ILCS 5/3-16002 new)

Sec. 3-16002. Referendum on resolution of county board.

(a) If the county board of Sangamon County adopts a resolution calling for a referendum at the general election of 2026 on the proposal to adopt a process by which countywide elected officials of Sangamon County may be recalled by the electors of Sangamon County, within the time provided in the general election law, the county clerk and county board of Sangamon County shall provide for the submission of the proposition to the electors of Sangamon County in accordance with this Section at the general election of 2026.

(b) The referendum shall be conducted in such a manner as is prescribed in the general election law.

The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall Sangamon
County adopt a process
by which countywide elected YES
officials may be recalled -----
by the electors of the county NO
as provided for by Section
3-16003 of the Counties Code?

1 (55 ILCS 5/3-16003 new)

2 Sec. 3-16003. Recall of countywide elected officials.

3 (a) If the referendum described in Section 3-16002 is
4 approved by a majority of the voters voting on the
5 proposition, then the recall of countywide elected officials
6 of Sangamon County may thereafter be proposed by a petition
7 signed by a number of electors equal in number to at least 15%
8 of the total votes cast for Governor in that county in the
9 preceding gubernatorial election. A petition under this
10 Section shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not
11 more than 150 days after an affidavit has been filed with the
12 State Board of Elections providing notice of intent to
13 circulate a petition to recall the countywide elected
14 official. The affidavit may be filed no sooner than 6 months
15 after the beginning of the countywide elected official's term
16 of office and may not be filed in the last 6 months of the
17 countywide elected official's term of office.

18 (b) The form of the petition, circulation, and procedure
19 for determining the validity and sufficiency of a petition
20 shall be as provided by law. If the petition is valid and
21 sufficient, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
22 petition not more than 50 days after the date the petition was
23 filed, and the question "Shall (name) be recalled from the
24 office of (name of office)?" must be submitted to the electors
25 of Sangamon County at a special election called by the State

1 Board of Elections, to occur not more than 100 days after
2 certification of the petition. A recall petition certified by
3 the State Board of Elections under this Section may not be
4 withdrawn and another recall petition under this Section may
5 not be initiated against the countywide elected official
6 during the remainder of the official's current term of office.
7 Any recall petition or recall election pending on the date of
8 the next general election at which a candidate for the same
9 countywide office is elected is moot.

10 (c) The countywide elected official is immediately removed
11 upon certification of the recall election results if a
12 majority of the electors voting on the question vote to recall
13 the countywide elected official. If the countywide elected
14 official is removed, the vacancy shall be filled as provided
15 in the Election Code or this Code.

16 (55 ILCS 5/3-16004 new)

17 Sec. 3-16004. Repealer. This Division is repealed on
18 January 1, 2027.

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