

SB1957



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Cristina Castro

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/5-2-19

from Ch. 24, par. 5-2-19

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, for the 2027 consolidated election, a city that exceeds 100,000 inhabitants according to the most recent federal decennial census and that does not currently elect its clerk and treasurer shall, in the 2027 consolidated election, nominate and elect its clerk and its treasurer in the same manner provided for the election of the mayor and councilmen under Article 5 of the Code.

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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 5-2-19 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/5-2-19) (from Ch. 24, par. 5-2-19)
7 Sec. 5-2-19.

8 (a) In any city which was operating under the alderperson
9 form of government as provided in Article 3 at the time of
10 adoption of this Article 5 which did not also elect to continue
11 to choose alderpersons from wards, the city clerk and city
12 treasurer shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as
13 provided in this Article 5 for the nomination and election of
14 the mayor and councilmen. To achieve this result: wherever the
15 term "mayor or commissioners" appears in Sections 4-3-7
16 through 4-3-18, it shall be construed to include the words "or
17 clerk or treasurer". The names of candidates for nomination
18 shall be placed on the primary election ballot prescribed in
19 Section 5-2-13 and such ballot shall be modified to include
20 the heading "For Clerk--Vote for one" immediately following
21 the names of candidates for councilmen and to include the
22 heading "For Treasurer--Vote for one" immediately following
23 the names of candidates for clerk. The names of the 4

1 candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each of
2 the respective offices shall be placed on the general
3 municipal election ballot prescribed in Section 5-2-13 which
4 ballot shall be modified to include such offices and names in
5 the same manner as is provided in this Section for the primary
6 ballot. If any candidate nominated for the office of clerk or
7 treasurer dies or withdraws before the general municipal
8 election the name of the person receiving the fifth highest
9 number of votes for nomination to that office shall be placed
10 on the ballot for that election.

11 (b) However, in any city not exceeding 100,000 inhabitants
12 which adopts this Article 5 and elects a mayor and
13 alderpersons or councilmen as provided in Section 5-2-12, or
14 Sections 5-2-18 through 5-2-18.8, the council may, in lieu of
15 electing a clerk and treasurer as provided in the above
16 paragraph, provide by ordinance that the clerk or treasurer or
17 both for such city be appointed by the mayor with the approval
18 of the city council. If such officers are appointed their
19 terms of office, duties, compensation and amount of bond
20 required shall be the same as if they were elected.

21 (c) For the 2027 consolidated election, a city that
22 exceeds 100,000 inhabitants according to the most recent
23 federal decennial census and that does not currently elect its
24 clerk and treasurer shall, in the 2027 consolidated election,
25 nominate and elect its clerk and its treasurer in the same
26 manner provided in this Article 5 for the election of the mayor

1 and councilmen. This subsection applies to all cities that
2 exceed 100,000 inhabitants according to the most recent
3 federal decennial census, including (i) cities that exceed
4 100,000 inhabitants on the effective date of this amendatory
5 Act and (ii) cities that do not exceed 100,000 inhabitants on
6 the effective date of this amendatory Act but exceed 100,000
7 inhabitants according to the most recent federal decennial
8 census. This subsection applies to cities that have adopted an
9 ordinance for the appointment of a clerk or treasurer or both.

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