

County Executive Succession Amendments

Proposed Amendments:

- In the event that the office of County Executive becomes vacant by reason of death, removal from office, failure to remain an elector of the County or for any other reason, the Law Director shall perform the duties of the County Executive until an interim appointment is made. Within fourteen (14) days after the vacancy occurs, the County Council shall make an interim appointment to the office of County Executive. The interim appointee shall have been an elector of the County throughout the two years prior to the appointment, shall serve until a successor is elected and takes office, but shall not be a candidate in the election at which the appointee's successor is chosen.

Current Language Section 2.04:

1. In the event of a vacancy, the Council President shall succeed on an interim basis.
2. If the vacancy is in the first or second year, the interim succession shall be until the next countywide general election, at which the position will be filled for the remainder of the term.
3. If the vacancy occurs in the third or fourth year, the interim succession for the remainder of the term.
4. The Vice-President shall become President of Council, and the Council shall elect a member to become Vice-President.
5. The vacant Council seat shall be filled according to the procedure for Council vacancies.

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- The County Council shall schedule the special election to coincide with another election, whenever practicable. The special election shall be scheduled not more than ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs, except that it may be scheduled up to one-hundred eighty (180) days after the vacancy occurs in order to coincide with another election. If the special election cannot be scheduled at the same time as or prior to the general election that occurs one year prior to the regular general election for County Executive, the special election shall not take place and the interim appointee shall serve until the next regularly elected County Executive takes office. The successor elected at a special election for County Executive shall take office thirty (30) days after the election.

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Current Language Section 3.05, 3.06, & 3.07:

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2. If the vacating Council member was not a member of a political party with precinct committee members, the Council shall make the interim appointment within 30 days, after which the Executive shall make the appointment.
3. The provision on how long the interim appointment lasts is the same as for Executive succession.

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