



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending the Lake County Standards of Conduct for appointed officials to board and commissions.

- Illinois Public Act 098-0779 authorizes a county board in a county with a population between 300,000 and 2,000,000 residents to, by ordinance, adopt a code of conduct regarding the fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy.
- On November 11, 2014, the Lake County Board adopted the Lake County Standards of Conduct, with subsequent amendments on July 9, 2019.
- Due to recent amendments to the Ethics and Conduct Code, formerly known as the Ethics Code, and to ensure consistency with state statute, amendments to the Lake County Standards of Conduct are necessary..

### ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Lake County is the appointing authority for more than 70 local appointed units of government encompassing nearly 300 appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board Chair has the authority to appoint individuals to serve on the governing bodies (such as boards and commissions) of various units of local government and agencies throughout Lake County, and the individuals appointed must be confirmed by the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Public Act 097-0084 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(a)) authorizes a county board in a county with a population between 300,000 and 2,000,000 residents to, by ordinance, require any unit of local government or agency to which the county board chairman or county executive nominates and the county board confirms a majority member appointments to provide the county with detailed information; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the 2010 Census, the population of Lake County is 703,462; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 098-0779 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(b)), counties may, by ordinance, adopt a code of conduct regarding the fiscal responsibility and procurement authority, as required by State law, local ordinance, or county board policy, as well as the accountability, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees, in addition to those requirements mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees to any unit of local government, agency, or commission for which the county board chair, county executive, or county board serves as the appointing authority; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Illinois Public Act 098-0779 (55 ILCS 5/5-1133(b)), counties may by ordinance provide for the removal of an appointee when it is established that an appointee has violated the code of conduct and reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing have been provided; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County adopted the Lake County Standards of Conduct at its November 11, 2014 meeting and subsequently amended the Lake County Standards of Conduct on July 9, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ethics and Oversight Committee has made amendments to its Ethics and Conduct Code, formerly identified as the Ethics Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Ethics and Oversight Committee to ensure appointees comply with the state's Open Meetings Act requirements and that the language in the Lake County Standards of Conduct be consistent with the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Board of Lake County, Illinois that in substantial conformance with the attached "SOC - Clean 7.13.21" be adopted and be made effective immediately; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the recitals are hereby incorporated into this ordinance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the Ethics and Oversight Committee, or a commission overseen by the Ethics and Oversight Committee, shall be responsible for the administration of the Lake County Standards of Conduct for appointed boards and commissions in accordance with the Ethics and Conduct Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk.

**ADOPTED**, in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on July 13, 2021.