

SUBSTITUTE
ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 2-80-070 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through, and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

2-80-070 District Councils – Establishment, purpose, composition and duties.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(c) Each District Council shall be elected by residents of the District. Persons wishing to appear on the ballot, either as a candidate or a slate of candidates, for District Council shall file a statement of candidacy with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and submit petitions for nomination; the signature requirements for the petitions for nomination of District Council candidates shall be equal to the lesser of: (i) 250 registered voters in the District; and (ii) 0.5% of the total number of registered voters in the District who voted in the next preceding Presidential election, or-but in no event fewer than a minimum of 25 registered voters in the District, whichever is greater. Petitions for nominations under this subsection may contain the names of two or more candidates. If a petition for nomination contains the names of two or more candidates, the signature of a registered voter on such petition shall count towards the minimum signature requirement for each candidate whose name appears on the petition.

Beginning in 2023, and every four years thereafter, District Councils shall be elected in a nonpartisan election coinciding with the consolidated primary election held in odd-numbered years on the last Tuesday in February. The candidates in each District receiving the greatest, second greatest, and third greatest number of votes shall take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May following their election.

In all District Council elections, voters may vote for up to three candidates.

Between the day established by law for the commencement of the circulation period for nomination petitions for District Council election and the day after the District Council election, District boundaries shall not be altered, unless necessary to address a public safety emergency, in which case the Superintendent shall publicly post the reason for the alteration.

If a vacancy occurs on any District Council, then the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51. When the Mayor is filling a District Council vacancy, the remaining member or members of the District Council shall, within 30 days of the vacancy being created, identify three people who meet the qualifications established in this Chapter and submit their names to the Commission. From among the names submitted by the District Council, the Commission shall, within 60 days of the vacancy being created, select a person to recommend to the Mayor to fill the vacancy. If all of the positions on a District Council become vacant, the Commission shall, within 60 days of the creation of each vacancy, select a person who meets the qualifications established in this Chapter to recommend to the Mayor to fill the vacancy.

All laws in force in the City governing elections for municipal offices or applicable thereto and not inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall apply to and govern all elections held under the terms of this section.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect December 1, 2023.

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