

2018 OA-005

AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING FILLING OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
SUPERVISOR OCCURRING DURING A TERM

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 6.07 is amended to read as follows:

6.07 FILLING OF VACANCIES OCCURRING WITHIN A TERM. (1) Any vacancy in the office of county supervisor occurring between the commencement of a term and December 31 of an even numbered year shall be filled by a temporary appointment by the county board chairperson within one month of the vacancy subject to confirmation by the county board. A person so appointed shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified at a special election to be held concurrently with succeeding spring election.

~~(12)~~ Any vacancy in the office of county supervisor occurring after December 31 of an even numbered year and on or before July 31~~0~~ of an odd-numbered year shall be filled as promptly as possible by a special election.

~~(23)~~ Any vacancy in the office of county supervisor occurring after July 30 of an odd-numbered year shall be filled by temporary appointment by the county board chairperson within one month, subject to confirmation by the county board. A person so appointed shall serve the remainder of the expired term.

(4) Any person interested in being appointed to a vacant office under sub. (1) or (3) shall submit nomination papers signed by at least 25 electors residing in the supervisory district in which the vacancy occurs. The signatures on the nomination papers may only be solicited by the person seeking the appointment. Prior to such appointment, the county clerk shall publicly announce a two-week solicitation period for submission of nomination papers and the declaration of candidacy from interested residents of the district. After the close of the application period, a public hearing shall be held in the supervisory district in which the vacancy occurs, and persons interested in being appointed shall attend. The chairperson shall not offer or promise appointment prior to the public hearing. A person so appointed and confirmed shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified at the next regular election.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment authorizes a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of county supervisor if the vacancy occurs early in the term, subject to a special election to occur at the next spring election.]