

1.20 SELECTION OF A CHIEF JUDGE

(a) Effective September 17, 2008, a majority of the Circuit Judges shall select, by secret ballot and pursuant to Article VI, Section 7(c) of the Illinois Constitution, one of their number to serve as Chief Judge for a term commencing the first Monday in December, 2008 and ending Monday, December 5, 2011. Thereafter, a Chief Judge shall be selected in like manner in September of the year the term is to begin for a two year term commencing on the first Monday in December, and every two years thereafter. The Circuit Judge elected in September 2008 shall not be eligible to serve a consecutive two-year term. In no event shall a Circuit Judge serve more than two terms consecutively as Chief Judge.

(b) Acting Chief Judge: The Chief Judge shall appoint one of the Circuit Judges to act as Chief Judge in his absence, who shall have the same powers and duties as Chief Judge. In the event the acting Chief Judge is also unavailable, the most Senior Circuit Judge on the premises shall act as Chief Judge.

(c) Removal: At any time by written request directed to the Chief Judge, a majority of the Circuit Judges may call a meeting at a time and place stated therein. A copy of such request shall be mailed or delivered to each Circuit Judge not joining therein at least five days before the time fixed for such meeting. If a majority of all the Judges shall at such meeting vote for removal of the Chief Judge, the Judges shall proceed immediately to elect a new Chief Judge to take office at once.

(d) Vacancy: Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Judge, any two Circuit Judges may call a meeting of the Circuit Judges to select a Circuit Judge to fill such vacancy to take office at once in the same manner as in (a).

(e) When a vacancy arises in the office of Chief Judge by virtue of the resignation, death or removal of a Chief Judge the election called for in paragraphs (c) and (d) herein shall be for the balance of the elected term of the Chief Judge who has resigned, died, or has been removed.

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