



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4854

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Michael Halpin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/1-6003.5 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the chairperson of the county board may appoint, with the advice and consent of the county board, an outside attorney to serve as legal counsel to the county board. The chairperson may choose the State's Attorney as legal counsel who shall receive additional compensation as appropriate. Provides that the chairperson, by written order filed with the county clerk, may discontinue the appointment of the outside counsel appointed and prevents compensation to the outside counsel after the discontinuance. Provides that the duty of a State's Attorney to be legal counsel are in addition to the statutory duties of the State's Attorney and the State's Attorney shall not receive additional compensation for the duties performed.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 1-6003.5 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/1-6003.5 new)

7 Sec. 1-6003.5. Legal representation for county board.

8 (a) The chairperson of the county board may appoint, with
9 the advice and consent of the county board, an outside attorney
10 to serve as legal counsel to the county board. The chairperson
11 may choose the State's Attorney as legal counsel.

12 (b) The county board chairperson, by written order filed
13 with the county clerk, may discontinue the appointment of the
14 outside counsel appointed under subsection (a) of this Section.
15 After discontinuance, no outside counsel filling the office
16 before the discontinuance shall have any claim against the
17 county for compensation alleged to accrue after the date of
18 discontinuance.

19 (c) Vacancies for outside counsel may be filled in the same
20 manner as appointments are made under subsection (a).

21 (d) The duty of a State's Attorney to be legal counsel
22 under this Section is in addition to the duties of the State's
23 Attorney under Division 3-9 and the State's Attorney shall not

1 receive additional compensation for the duties performed.