

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 877**

Ordered by the Senate March 20  
Including Senate Amendments dated March 20

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB; Senators ANDERSON, FINDLEY

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Restores staggering of terms of county commissioners in certain circumstances.

**Specifies that when two or more county commissioners are elected for one county at same election and one is elected to fill vacancy, commissioner filling vacancy shall hold office for two years. Applies this rule, which currently applies only to general elections, to primary elections.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the terms of county commissioners; creating new provisions; amending ORS 204.010; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. In a county in which the terms of the three offices of county commissioner**  
6 **are not staggered because two positions elected to fill midterm vacancies were extended to**  
7 **four-year terms, the current term of the third office of county commissioner shall be ex-**  
8 **tended by two years so that the terms of the three offices are staggered.**

9 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 204.010 is amended to read:**

11 204.010. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the term of office of each officer  
12 mentioned in ORS 204.005 is four years.

13 (2) When two or more county commissioners are elected for one county at a **primary or** general  
14 election and one of them is elected to fill a vacancy, as provided in ORS 204.005 (1)(f), [*one of*  
15 *them*] **the commissioner elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for two years and the others**  
16 **for four years.**

17 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.