

RESOLUTION 12-1

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 4 and 7 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Sangamon County may change the terms of office and manner of selection of county officers by county-wide referendum; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 11 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq, the Sangamon County Board has the authority to initiate and submit to the electors such a county-wide referendum by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Massey Commission, created by this County Board to make recommendations to the Board, on November 18, 2024 unanimously passed a resolution urging this Board to authorize a binding referendum on the question of recall for the Office of County Sheriff, and take all legally authorized steps to effectuate such referendum at the earliest possible election; and

WHEREAS, The County Board believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the County Sangamon to move as expeditiously as possible to submit this proposition to the voters at the Consolidated Election, to be held on April 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County in session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 that:

Section 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

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*Don Massey*  
Sangamon County Clerk

Section 2. The County Board of Sangamon County does hereby initiate and authorize the following referendum to be submitted to the voters of the entire County of Sangamon at the Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025

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<p><b>“Shall the voters of the County of Sangamon provide for the power of recall on the Office of Sangamon County Sheriff as follows:</b></p> <p>The term of the Office of Sangamon County Sheriff is subject to the right of recall vested in the electors of the County of Sangamon. The Sangamon County Sheriff may be recalled and removed from office by a majority vote of the electorate at a recall referendum initiated by a petition signed by the electors of Sangamon County numbering not less than 8 % of the total vote cast for the candidates for Governor in the preceding Gubernatorial Election by the registered voters in Sangamon County, where the petition was filed with the Sangamon County Clerk not less than 92 days before the next regular election.</p>	<b>YES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>A proposition to recall the Sangamon County Sheriff shall be certified by the Sangamon County Clerk, who shall then submit the proposition to the voters at the next regular election in accordance with the general election law.</p> <p>The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:</p> <p>Shall (Name of Incumbent Sangamon County Sheriff) be recalled and removed from the Office of Sangamon County Sheriff?</p> <p>If a majority of votes shall be cast in favor of the recall of the Sangamon County Sheriff, the Office shall be declared vacant, and the office shall then be filled in the manner provided by law for the filling of a vacancy. No officer who has been recalled may be appointed to that office until after the next regular election to fill the office vacated.”</p>	<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 3. The County Clerk of Sangamon shall certify the county-wide referendum referenced herein in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code.

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Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

**Presented, Adopted, Approved, And Recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2025.**

Approved

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Andy Van Meter, Chair  
Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

(Resolution offered by County Board Members Sam Cahnman, Marc Ayers, Tony DelGiorno, Gina Latham, Kevin McGuire, and Vera Small)